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## DIGEST

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HB 786 Engrossed

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Leger

**Abstract:** Increases certain fees relative to motor carriers and public utilities in the state of La.

Present law requires certain motor carriers and public utilities subject to the control of the Public Service Commission (commission) to pay certain fees for the inspection, control, and supervision of their business service and rates.

Present law requires such fees to be paid quarterly and in a certain amount per \$1000 for gross receipts of carriers derived from activities subject to the control and jurisdiction of the commission.

Proposed law increases the fees of present law by \$.07 per \$1000 for gross receipts in amounts ranging from \$1000 to \$100,000,000.

Proposed law increases the fee of present law by \$.08 per \$1000 for gross receipts in excess of \$100,000,000.

Present law provides for an amount equal to the fees collected in present law to be deposited into the "Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Fund", hereinafter "fund." Provides for amounts in the fund to be used for the operations of the La. Public Service Commission. Proposed law retains present law.

Amounts in the fund in excess of that necessary for the operations of the commission are subject to constitutional provisions of present law. Present law further subjects such amounts in excess to appropriations by the legislature. Proposed law changes these provisions of present law to require amounts in excess to be rebated to the motor carriers or public utilities within 90 days of the end of each fiscal year.

Effective July 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 45:1177(A)(2) and (C))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Modify present law relative to amounts in excess contained in the Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Fund (fund). Require amounts in the fund in excess of that necessary for the operations of the La. Public Service Commission to be rebated by the state to the motor carriers or public utilities within 90 days of the end of each fiscal year.