2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 464

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

MINERALS: Provides for pipeline safety inspection fees

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 30:560(B) and (C) and 706 and to enact R.S. 30:560(D), relative
3	to pipelines; to provide relative to pipeline safety inspection fees for certain
4	pipelines; to provide relative to the amounts and imposition of such fees; and to
5	provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 30:560(B) and (C) and 706 are hereby amended and reenacted and
8	R.S. 30:560(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	§560. Pipeline safety inspection fees
10	* * *
11	B. There is hereby imposed upon all distributors of jurisdictional gas which
12	own and operate any jurisdictional gas distribution system which comes under the
13	supervision of the assistant secretary pursuant to R.S. 30:551(B) an annual safety and
14	odorization inspection fee not to exceed twenty-two dollars and forty cents per mile
15	of pipeline used in a jurisdictional gas distribution system one dollar per service line,
16	or four hundred dollars per pipeline facility, whichever is greater. The commissioner
17	shall annually review the fee amount and may revise it in accordance with the
18	Administrative Procedure Act.
19	C. There is hereby imposed upon all distributors of jurisdictional gas which
20	own or operate any jurisdictional gas gathering or transmission system which comes
21	under the supervision of the assistant secretary pursuant to R.S. 30:551(B) an annual
22	safety inspection fee not to exceed forty-four dollars and eighty cents per mile of

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1	pipeline used in a jurisdictional gas pipeline system, or eight hundred dollars per
2	pipeline facility, whichever is greater. The commissioner shall annually review the
3	fee amount and may revise it in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.
4	D. The annual inspection fees imposed by this Section are for the purpose
5	of enforcing the natural gas pipeline safety standards and practice required by this
6	Chapter and regulations promulgated thereunder. All fees collected by the
7	commissioner shall be reasonably related to the services provided and shall be used
8	by the office of conservation solely for the purposes of that program.
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10	§706. Fees
11	In order to implement this Part, every person engaged in the transportation
12	of hazardous liquids or who owns or operates intrastate pipeline facilities for the
13	transportation of hazardous liquids shall be assessed an annual fee which shall not
14	exceed twenty-two dollars and forty cents forty-four dollars and eighty cents for each
15	mile or fraction thereof of pipeline operated or four eight hundred dollars per
16	pipeline facility, whichever is greater. The commissioner shall annually review the
17	fee amount and may revise it not to exceed twenty-two dollars and forty cents forty-
18	four dollars and eighty cents per mile in accordance with the Administrative
19	Procedure Act. All fees collected by the commissioner shall be reasonably related
20	to the services provided and shall be used by the office of conservation solely for the
21	purposes of that program.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for inspection fees for jurisdictional gas pipeline systems and hazardous liquids pipelines.

<u>Present law</u> provides for an annual pipeline inspection fee of not more \$22.40 per mile or \$400 per pipeline facility, whichever is greater. Specifies that the fee is subject to annual review by the commissioner of conservation.

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<u>Proposed law</u> changes the fee from \$22.40 per mile to \$1 per service line. <u>Proposed law</u> retains the <u>present law</u> alternative fee of \$400 per pipeline facility, whichever is greater.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides an annual safety inspection fee not to exceed \$44.80 per mile of pipeline used in a jurisdictional gas pipeline system, or \$800 per pipeline facility, whichever is greater, imposed on all distributors of jurisdictional gas which own or operate any jurisdictional gas gathering or transmission system. Specifies that the fee is subject to annual review by the commissioner of conservation.

<u>Present law</u> establishes an annual inspection fee on hazardous liquid pipelines to fund safety regulations of such pipelines. Specifies that the maximum fee is \$22.40 per mile of pipeline or \$400 per pipeline facility, whichever is greater. Provides that the fee is subject to annual review by the commissioner of conservation. Requires the commissioner to annually review the fee amount and authorizes the commissioner to revise it up to \$22.40.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the fee from not to exceed \$22.40 per mile or \$400 per pipeline facility, whichever is greater to not to exceed \$44.80 per mile or \$800 per pipeline facility, whichever is greater. Increases the commissioner's authorization to revise the fee from not to exceed \$22.40 to not to exceed \$44.80.

(Amends R.S. 30:560(B) and (C) and 706; Adds R.S. 30:560(D))