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## DIGEST

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HB 700 Engrossed

2016 Regular Session

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**Abstract:** Increases certain fees collected by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals, office of public health and establishes new fees.

Present law establishes licensing, permitting, inspection, and plan review fees to be collected by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals, office of public health.

Proposed law increases or establishes fees for all of the following:

- (1) Food and beverage vendors at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.
- (2) Individual sewerage systems.
- (3) Retail food establishments.
- (4) Milk and dairy farms and plants.
- (5) Reinspections of commercial facilities.
- (6) Plan review.

Present law requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to perform all inspections, tests, or procedures on public water supplies authorized by the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act at no cost to any municipality, parish governing authority, or any public or privately owned water system except as provided in present law.

Present law authorizes DHH to charge an annual fee of \$3.20 per metered connection or account for community systems to be collected from each consumer by the community system provider and remitted to the department, minus 32¢ per metered connection or account to be retained by the community system provider for administrative costs for the collection of the fee.

Proposed law increases the fee to \$6.40 and authorizes each community system provider to retain 64¢.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:4.7, 31.32(B), (D), and (E), 31.33(A)(1), and 31.37(H) and (I); Adds R.S.

40:31.37(J) and 31.38-31.40)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Reduce the commercial facility sanitary code reinspection fee from \$175 to \$150.
3. Increase the safe drinking water administration fee from \$3.20 to \$6.40.