
DIGEST

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Adams

HB No. 544

Abstract: Adds additional elements to the crime of fire prevention interference.

Present law provides that fire prevention interference is the intentional performance of any of the following acts:

- (1) Defacing or destroying fire warning notices or posters.
- (2) Injuring, destroying, removing, or in any manner interfering with the use of any tools, equipment, towers, buildings, or telephone lines used in the detection, reporting, or suppression of fire.

Proposed law retains the provisions of present law and adds life safety systems to the definition of the crime and additionally adds the following two elements:

- (1) Obstructing exits, impeding egress, or exceeding the capacity or posted occupant load of a building or structure.
- (2) Unauthorized use or proximate display as defined in R.S. 51:650(9), of fireworks in a building or structure.

(Amends R.S. 14:206)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

1. Changes proposed law addition of "life systems" to "life safety systems" in the elements of the crime.