
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the collection of fees for the Public Service Commission for its participation in the State Rail Safety Participation Program.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to adopt rules and regulations for the purpose of assessing reasonable user fees to be imposed annually against the railroad companies operating within the state of La.

Proposed law requires the total amount of fees estimated to be collected not exceed the amount estimated by the commission to be necessary to recover the costs of implementing the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to consider the gross ton miles for railroad operations within La. to provide for an equitable allocation. Further requires railroad companies operating in La. to provide the commission all information necessary to determine an equitable fee structure.

Proposed law requires the railroad safety fees be collected by the Dept. of Revenue. Further requires all funds received by the department in the form of railroad safety fees be deposited immediately upon receipt into the state treasury. Provides that after compliance with the requirements of the state constitution relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and prior to monies being placed in the state general fund, an amount equal to the fees required to be deposited be credited to a special fund known as the "Commission Rail Safety Fund". Further requires the monies in such fund be used for the expenses of the operations of the commission in its administration of this program.

(Adds R.S. 45:563)