

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 155

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERTHELOT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1567, relative to fire departments; to delete the requirement
3 that a fee and mileage be paid pursuant to fire reports; to provide for the issuance and
4 use of fire department identification numbers; to provide for the submission of fire
5 reports; to provide for violations; to make technical corrections; to provide a
6 definition; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1567 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 ~~§1567. Fee for fire reports by volunteer fire~~ Fire departments; fire department
10 identification number; fire reports

11 ~~A. A fee of five dollars for each structural fire report plus mileage at the rate~~
12 ~~established for state employees per mile for each mile traveled to and from the place~~
13 ~~of the fire shall be paid to a volunteer fire department for each fire report made based~~
14 ~~upon an investigation and inspection by the volunteer members of the volunteer fire~~
15 ~~department. The fire reports shall be submitted to the fire marshal on forms provided~~
16 ~~by his office and in accordance with standards prescribed by the fire marshal. (1)(a)~~
17 Every municipal fire department, fire protection district, and volunteer fire
18 department, as recognized by its local governing authority, shall obtain a fire
19 department identification (FDID) number from the state fire marshal.

20 (b) If an individual, organization, or other entity is not recognized by the
21 local governing authority to conduct traditional fire department-related activities, the
22 state fire marshal shall not issue the organization an FDID number.

1 (c) Any individual, organization, or other entity engaged in traditional fire
2 department activities without an FDID number shall be in violation of R.S. 14:112.2.

3 (2) For purposes of this Subsection, "traditional fire department-related
4 activities" includes firefighting, fire prevention, fire investigation, fire protection,
5 and emergency duties and services.

6 B. ~~For purposes of this Section the term "volunteer member" means an~~
7 ~~individual certified under the authority of R.S. 40:1563 who does not receive any~~
8 ~~compensation for his services, and the term "volunteer fire department" means a~~
9 ~~legally constituted fire department or fire protection district having fewer than four~~
10 ~~persons who are qualified for and receive state supplemental pay under the~~
11 ~~provisions of R.S. 40:1666, et seq. Organizations which have been issued an FDID~~
12 ~~number shall submit structural fire reports electronically pursuant to the standards~~
13 ~~set by the state fire marshal.~~

14 C. Annual implementation of the standards prescribed by the fire marshal as
15 to regarding the fires which require investigation or inspection reports and the
16 content of those reports shall be subject to review by the ~~Fire Marshal's Review~~
17 ~~Board~~ board of review established by R.S. 40:1578.1.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____