

SENATE BILL NO. 748 (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 344 by Senator Morrish)

BY SENATOR MORRISH

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2373(B)(1), relative to environmental quality; to provide for
3 the failure to report of certain reportable releases; to provide for the reportable
4 release from natural gas distribution lines; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 30:2373(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §2373. Failure to report; penalties

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9 B.(1) Owners and operators shall immediately notify the department of any
10 reportable releases, other than a federally or state permitted release or application of
11 a pesticide or fertilizer, of a hazardous material or substance listed pursuant to this
12 Chapter exceeding the reportable quantity when that reportable quantity could be
13 reasonably expected to escape the site of the facility, as soon as the owner or
14 operator has knowledge of such release. Failure to do so shall subject owners and
15 operators to civil penalties as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

16 **Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, natural gas from**
17 **distribution lines shall have a reportable release of one thousand pounds or**
18 **more.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____