

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 65

BY SENATOR COLOMB

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

FIRE PROTECTION. Requires that at least one fire suppression employee in the rank of fire fighter or fighter/operator be assigned to and carried on each force during each shift.
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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1967(A), relative to fire protection; to require at least one full-time fire suppression employee in the rank of firefighter or firefighter/operator be assigned to and carried on each force during each shift; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:1967(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1967. Captain of force

A. A member of the department holding the rank of captain shall be in charge of each force in each fire company during each shift and at all times. "Force" as used herein means any single piece of fire fighting or rescue apparatus. In any paid fire department operated by a municipality having a population of thirteen thousand or more or by any parish or fire protection district which employs eight or more full-time paid fire suppression employees, excluding the fire chief and any training officer, ~~every fire fighting or rescue apparatus~~ **each force** shall be operated by a member of the department holding the rank of engineer or fire driver, by whichever designation he may be known, ~~provided the~~ **. Each force shall also be manned by**

1 **at least one additional full time paid fire suppression employee holding the rank**
 2 **of firefighter or firefighter/operator who shall be assigned to and carried on**
 3 **each force during each shift. As provided herein, the** term "fire fighting
 4 apparatus" shall not be construed to include standard passenger vehicles, nor any
 5 other type of automotive equipment assigned to fire department use other than
 6 vehicles specially designed for fire fighting or rescue purposes. Provided further, that
 7 all fire departments, regardless of the number of employees in their employ, now
 8 having engineers, captains, or fire drivers operating each force, fire car, or other fire
 9 vehicle shall continue this practice.

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11 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 12 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 13 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 14 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 15 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

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Present law provides for every fire fighting or rescue apparatus to be operated by a member of the department holding the rank of engineer or fire driver, by whichever designation he may be known.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that each force is to be manned by at least one additional full-time paid fire suppression employee holding the rank of firefighter or firefighter/operator who shall be assigned to and carried on each force during each shift.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:1967(A))