

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 356

BY REPRESENTATIVES PYLANT AND ADAMS

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

FIRE PROTECT/FIREMEN: Provides relative to wage and hours regulations for fire departments

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1991(A)(1), relative to employees of fire departments; to  
3 provide relative to the applicability of provisions pertaining to wages and hours; and  
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 33:1991(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1991. Definitions

8 A.(1) The word "fireman", as used in this Subpart includes all persons  
9 employed or engaged full-time by municipalities or municipal fire departments,  
10 parishes or parish fire departments, or fire protection districts for firefighting, ~~or~~ fire  
11 prevention, fire record clerk, fire investigation, fire protection, or emergency duties  
12 and services, or for training of such persons. ~~as well as~~ The word "fireman" also  
13 includes employees of nonprofit corporations under contract with a fire protection  
14 district or other political subdivision to provide such services, including operators  
15 of the fire-alarm system when such operators are members of the regularly  
16 constituted fire department. The word "fireman" does not include carpenters,  
17 storekeepers, machinists, clerks, except fire record clerks, building hazard and  
18 similar inspectors, physicians, or other non-firefighting employees detailed for such  
19 special duties, nor does the word "fireman", except as otherwise provided in this

1 Subsection, include employees of privately owned or operated firefighting or fire  
2 prevention services.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the definition of "fireman" with respect to provisions pertaining to minimum wages and maximum hours.

Present law provides with respect to wages, hours, sick leave, and vacation for firemen and other employees of fire departments.

Present law defines "fireman" to include all persons employed or engaged full-time by municipalities or municipal fire departments, parishes or parish fire departments, or fire protection districts for firefighting, or fire prevention duties and services.

Proposed law adds persons employed for fire record clerk, fire investigation, fire protection, and emergency duties and services to definition. Also adds persons employed to provide training for persons covered by present law and proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 33:1991(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Add persons employed for fire record clerk duties and services to the definition of "fireman".