# SLS 12RS-2215

### **ORIGINAL**

Regular Session, 2012

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

BY SENATOR MORRISH

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL. Provides for the reportable release from natural gas distribution lines. (8/1/12)

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
8	* * *
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

Page 1 of 2 Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words **in boldface type and underscored** are additions.

## 1 <u>more.</u>

2

#### \* \*

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

## DIGEST

<u>Present law</u> provides that owners and operators will immediately notify the DEQ of any reportable releases, other than a federally or state permitted release or application of a pesticide or fertilizer, of a hazardous material or substance listed in <u>present law</u> exceeding the reportable quantity when that reportable quantity could be reasonably expected to escape the site of the facility, as soon as the owner or operator has knowledge of such release. Further provides for civil penalties.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that natural gas from distribution lines will have a reportable release of 1,000 pounds or more.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 30:2373(B)(1))