

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to privately owned fire hydrants;
3 requiring owners of private fire hydrants to test hydrants
4 in accordance with national standards and to contract with
5 licensed professionals or local fire-control authorities
6 to inspect and service such hydrants; authorizing local
7 fire officials to contract with owners of private fire
8 hydrants to maintain such hydrants; providing fines for
9 noncompliance; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. (1) A person who owns a private fire hydrant
14 must ensure that the hydrant is tested in accordance with
15 National Fire Protection Association Standard 24, subsection 4-
16 3.6, and that it is inspected and maintained in compliance with
17 National Fire Protection Association Standard 25, Standard for
18 the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire
19 Protection Systems, the edition currently adopted by the State
20 Fire Marshal pursuant to its code-adoption and standards-
21 adoption authority in chapter 633, Florida Statutes. A person
22 who owns a private fire hydrant must produce, upon request of an
23 authorized fire official, a valid and continuing maintenance
24 contract with a plumbing contractor licensed under chapter 489,
25 Florida Statutes, an underground utility contractor licensed
26 under chapter 489, Florida Statutes, or, if the private hydrant
27 is part of a fire suppression system, a fire protection
28 contractor licensed under chapter 633, Florida Statutes.

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29 (2) The fire department having jurisdiction over the
30 subject property may contract with the owner to maintain the
31 fire hydrant as required by the code, if the contract does not
32 violate any other federal law or state or local code, statute,
33 or ordinance.

34 (3) A person who violates this section commits a
35 noncriminal violation, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100
36 for a first offense or \$250 for each subsequent offense.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.