

By Senator Miller

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See HB 267

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

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

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

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

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

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

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