

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senators Miller and Constantine

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to fire hydrants; amending s.
633.065, F.S.; requiring owners of fire
hydrants to test hydrants in accordance with
national standards; requiring nonfunctioning
privately owned hydrants to be reported and
repaired; providing fines for noncompliance;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 633.065,
Florida Statutes, to read:

633.065 Requirements for installation, inspection, and
maintenance of fire suppression equipment.--

(3)(a) Each fire hydrant shall be tested in accordance
with National Fire Protection Standard 24, subsection 4-3.6,
and inspected and maintained in compliance with National Fire
Protection Association Standard 25, Standard for the
Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire
Protection Systems, the edition currently adopted by the State
Fire Marshal pursuant to its code-adoption and
standards-adoption authority in this chapter. The owner of a
fire hydrant is responsible for performing the required
testing, inspecting, or maintenance of that fire hydrant.

(b) Inspection results that determine that a private
fire hydrant is nonfunctioning must be reported immediately to
the local authorities having jurisdiction.

(c) The owner of a private fire hydrant shall cause
any repair or replacement indicated by an inspection to be

1 made within 30 days and shall maintain records of the repair
2 or replacement.

3 (d) Consistent with s. 633.025(1), the requirements of
4 this subsection are deemed adopted by each municipality,
5 county, and special district that has responsibilities for
6 fire safety.

7 (e) Penalties for noncompliance with this subsection
8 shall be in accordance with s. 633.171.

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

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11 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
12 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
13 Senate Bill 748

14 The CS eliminates a provision in the bill requiring private
15 fire hydrant owners to have continuing maintenance contracts
for their hydrant(s).

16 The CS increases the penalties for violation fire hydrant
17 testing requirements in accordance with the existing
provisions of s. 633.171, F.S.