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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, 2006.

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12 SENATE SUMMARY

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14 accordance with national standards. Requires  
15 nonfunctioning privately owned hydrants to be reported  
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