

TITLE 3: HUMAN RESOURCES
DIVISION 5: PUBLIC SAFETY

§ 5321. Permits.

For anyone other than Department of Public Safety personnel in the course of their official duties, a permit is required to use or operate fire hydrants or valves intended for fire suppression purposes which are installed on water systems and accessible to public highways, alleys or private ways open to or generally used by the public.

Source: PL 12-74, § 2.

Commission Comment: PL 12-74 took effect November 19, 2001. The following findings, severability, and savings clause provisions were contained in PL 12-74:

Section 1. Findings. The unauthorized usage of fire hydrants by the public to obtain water has caused damage to hydrants and other fire suppression devices. The wear and tear on the tread and bolt can cause undue delay during disasters requiring the use of water.

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Section 14. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Section 15. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.