

2025 Regular Session

LSLI Disposition Sheet for Title 49

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<u>LSA-R.S.</u>	<u>Effect</u>	<u>Act No.</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Sp. Eff. Dt.</u>
√49:1(A)-----	Amend-----	105-----	2 [✓] -----	06/08/2025 ✓
√49:1(D)-----	Enact-----	105-----	2 [✓] -----	06/08/2025 ✓
√49:21-----	Amend-----	237-----	2 [✓] -----	06/11/2025 ✓
√49:74(I)-----	Enact-----	394-----	3 [✓] -----	12/01/2025 ✓
√49:145-----	Amend-----	100-----	3 ✓	
√49:146(A)(1)-----	Amend-----	100-----	3 ✓	
√49:170.25-----	Enact-----	172-----	1	
√49:191(1)(f)-----	Amend-----	478-----	15 [✓] -----	10/01/2025 ✓
√49:191(1)(o)-----	Enact-----	276-----	4 [✓] -----	06/30/2025 ✓
√49:191(4)(a)-----	Repeal-----	276-----	5 [✓] -----	06/30/2025 ✓
√49:214.6.3(A)(5)-----	Enact-----	418-----	2 ✓	
√49:214.6.6(A)(Intro.Par.)-----	Amend-----	418-----	2 ✓	
√49:214.6.6(A)(5)-----	Enact-----	418-----	2 ✓	
√49:214.6.6(C)-----	Amend-----	418-----	2 ✓	
√49:214.23(6)-----	Amend-----	105-----	2 [✓] -----	06/08/2025 ✓
√49:214.29(B)-----	Amend-----	458-----	9 [✓] -----	10/01/2025 ✓
√49:214.30(I)-----	Enact-----	115-----	2 [✓] -----	06/08/2025 ✓
√49:219.1-----	Amend-----	78-----	1	
√49:219.2(B)(1)(Intro.Par.)-----	Amend-----	78-----	1	
√49:219.2(B)(1)(a)(Intro.Par.)-----	Amend-----	78-----	1	
√49:219.2(B)(1)(a)(xi)-----	Amend-----	78-----	1	
√49:219.2(B)(1)(a)(xiv)-----	Enact-----	78-----	1	
√49:219.2(B)(1)(a)(xv)-----	Enact-----	78-----	1	
√49:219.2(B)(1)(c)(i)-----	Amend-----	78-----	1	
√49:219.2(B)(1)(c)(iii)-----	Amend-----	78-----	1	
√49:219.2(B)(1)(c)(viii)-----	Amend-----	78-----	1	

✓/49:219.2(B)(2)	-----Amend-----	78	-----1	
✓/49:219.3(A)	-----Amend-----	78	-----1	
✓/49:219.4	-----Amend-----	78	-----1	
✓/49:220.41(D)	-----Amend-----	418	-----2	✓
✓/49:220.42(B)(5)	-----Amend-----	418	-----2	✓
✓/49:220.42(B)(7)	-----Amend-----	418	-----2	✓
✓/49:220.42(B)(9)	-----Enact-----	418	-----2	✓
✓/49:220.42(B)(10)	-----Enact-----	418	-----2	✓
✓/49:220.51 thru 220.53 (Pt.IX, Chpt.2)	-----Enact-----	389	-----1	-----06/20/2025 ✓
✓/49:261	-----Enact-----	264	-----1	
✓/49:961(E)(4)	-----Enact-----	98	-----1	
✓/49:978.1(A)	-----Amend-----	139	-----1	-----06/08/2025 ✓
✓/49:978.1(H)	-----Enact-----	139	-----1	-----06/08/2025 ✓
✓/49:980.1	-----Enact-----	229	-----2	✓
✓/49:992(B)(3)	-----Amend-----	139	-----1	-----06/08/2025 ✓
✓/49:992(D)(7)	-----Amend-----	458	-----9	✓-----10/01/2025 ✓
43:81.1 ✓/49:1301	-----Amend-----	374	-----2	✓-----07/01/2027 ✓
43:82 ✓/49:1302	-----Amend-----	374	-----2	✓-----07/01/2027 ✓
43:83 ✓/49:1303	-----Amend-----	374	-----2	✓-----07/01/2027 ✓
43:84 ✓/49:1304	-----Amend-----	374	-----2	✓-----07/01/2027 ✓
43:85 ✓/49:1305	-----Amend-----	374	-----2	✓-----07/01/2027 ✓
43:86 ✓/49:1305.1	-----Amend-----	374	-----2	✓-----07/01/2027 ✓
43:87 ✓/49:1306	-----Amend-----	374	-----2	✓-----07/01/2027 ✓
43:88 ✓/49:1307	-----Amend-----	374	-----2	✓-----07/01/2027 ✓
43:89 ✓/49:1308	-----Amend-----	374	-----2	✓-----07/01/2027 ✓
✓/49:1402(1)(a)	-----Repeal-----	478	-----17	✓-----10/01/2027 ✓
✓/49:1402(1)(d)	-----Amend-----	478	-----15	✓-----10/01/2025 ✓
✓/49:1511 thru 1518 (Chpt.23)	-----Enact-----	419	-----1	-----06/20/2025 ✓

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ACT 105

2025 Regular Session

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SENATE BILL NO. 94

BY SENATOR FESI

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2073(7) and R.S. 49.1(A) and 214.23(6), and to enact R.S. 49.1(D), relative to waters of the state; to provide for the Gulf of America; to provide for the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; to provide for definitions; to provide for coastal use permits; to provide for exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:2073(7) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2073. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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(7) "Waters of the state" means both the surface and underground waters within the state of Louisiana including all rivers, streams, lakes, groundwaters, and all other water courses and waters within the confines of the state, and all bordering waters and the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America. However, for purposes of the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, "waters of the state" means all surface waters within the state of Louisiana and, on the coastline of Louisiana and the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America, all surface waters extending therefrom three miles into the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America. For purposes of the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, this includes all surface waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide, lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, natural ponds, impoundments of waters within the state of Louisiana otherwise defined as "waters of the United States" in 40 CFR ~~122.2~~ 120.2 and tributaries of all such waters.

1 "Waters of the state" does not include waste treatment systems, including treatment
 2 ponds or lagoons designed to meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act, 33
 3 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. "Waters of the state" does not include "fastlands" as defined
 4 by R.S. 49:214.23(6), including "wetlands" that are also defined as "fastlands"
 5 and do not bear a continuous surface connection to other waters of the United
 6 States. This definition shall not be construed to have any effect on the ownership
 7 of lands or water bottoms, whether public or private, in this state nor on any
 8 perceived access to private lands or water bottoms due to a continuous surface
 9 connection.

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11 Section 2. R.S. 49:1(A) and 214.23(6) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
 12 49:1(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §1. Gulfward boundary

14 A. The historic gulfward boundary of the state of Louisiana extends a
 15 distance into the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America three marine leagues from the coastline.
 16 For the purposes of this Part, "three marine leagues" is equal to nine geographic
 17 miles or 10.357 statute miles.

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19 D. Any reference in the codified or uncoded laws of this state to the
 20 "Gulf of Mexico" shall be deemed to refer to the "Gulf of America", as
 21 designated by the United States Board on Geographic Names. This Subsection
 22 shall apply to all existing statutes, regulations, administrative rules, contracts,
 23 and other legal instruments, and shall be given full force and effect in all official
 24 state documents and proceedings.

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26 §214.23. Definitions

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28 (6) "Fastlands" are lands, including areas that would otherwise be
 29 considered wetlands as defined in 33 CFR 328.3 and 40 CFR 120.2, that are
 30 surrounded by publicly owned, maintained, or otherwise validly existing levees,

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berms, flood protection structures, or natural formations, whether privately or publicly owned or maintained, as of the effective date of this Subpart or as may be lawfully constructed in the future, which levees, berms, flood protection structures, or natural formations would normally prevent activities, not to include the pumping of water for drainage purposes, within the surrounded area from having a continuous surface connection to waters of the United States or direct and significant impacts on coastal waters.

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Section 3. The Louisiana Law Institute is hereby directed to change all references to the "Gulf of Mexico" to the "Gulf of America" throughout the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and all codified law of this state.

Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  June 8, 2025

NOTED ALL AFFECTED PROVS. & SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

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"GULF OF MEXICO" REFERENCES PURSUANT TO ACTS 2025, NO. 105, § 3

Title 3

R.S. 3:3302. Definitions

As used in this Part, the following words shall have the following meanings ascribed to them:

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(6) "Waters of the state" means both the surface and the underground waters within the state of Louisiana including all rivers, streams, lakes, ground waters, and all other water courses and waters within the confines of the state, and all bordering waters and the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America.

Title 13

R.S. 13:3240. Suits to enforce laws for protection of aquatic life; jurisdiction; venue

A. The district courts in and for all parishes bordering upon the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America or its arms or inlets have concurrent jurisdiction to enforce all statutes and regulations enacted or passed for the protection, preservation and propagation of wildlife or salt water fish, shrimp, oysters or other salt water aquatic life in all cases arising from the violation of any such statute or regulation on, in and under the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America within the territorial jurisdiction of the state of Louisiana.

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Title 22

R.S. 22:1289.1. Automobile insurance policies; policy issuance based upon impending weather conditions

No insurer shall refuse to issue an automobile insurance policy providing collision or comprehensive coverage on a newly purchased motor vehicle, at the time of purchase of the automobile from a duly licensed motor vehicle dealer, to one of the insurer's existing automobile policyholders who is an otherwise qualified purchaser, based solely upon a named tropical storm or hurricane in the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America.

Title 30

R.S. 30:4. Jurisdiction, duties, and powers of the assistant secretary; rules and regulations

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J. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the department shall require all abandoned well and platform locations on state water bottoms in the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America and adjacent bays and inlets to be cleared of all related obstructions by the owner of such facilities and that such clearance be verified at the cost of such owner. The clearance and verification requirements and procedures shall be substantially the same, where applicable, as those required by the United States Department of the Interior Minerals Management Service for abandoned oil and gas structures in the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America. Such clearance and verification requirements shall take into account the different characteristics of the water bodies from which the obstructions are to be removed. The department shall adopt rules to implement this Subsection no later than January 1, 1992. The provisions of this Subsection and the rules adopted pursuant thereto shall

1 supersede any conflicting provision of law, particularly Subsections D, E, F, G, and H of this
2 Section.

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6 **R.S. 30:2073. Definitions**

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8 As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in
9 this Section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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13 **(6) (8)** "Water pollution", except for the purposes of the Louisiana Pollution Discharge
14 Elimination System, means the introduction into waters of the state by any means, including but
15 not limited to dredge and fill operations, of any substance in concentrations which tend to degrade
16 the chemical, physical, biological, or radiological integrity of such waters, including but not
17 limited to the discharge of brine from salt domes which are located on the coastline of Louisiana
18 and the Gulf of Mexico America into any waters off said coastline and extending therefrom three
19 miles into the Gulf of Mexico America. For the purposes of the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge
20 Elimination System, as defined herein, "water pollution" includes but is not limited to any addition
21 of any pollutant or combination of pollutants to waters of the state from any source, or any addition
22 of any pollutant or combination of pollutants to the waters of the contiguous zone or the Gulf of
23 Mexico America from any source other than a vessel or other floating craft which is being used
24 as a means of transportation. For the purposes of the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination
25 System, as defined in this Paragraph, the definition of "water pollution" further includes but is not
26 limited to additions of pollutants into waters of the state from surface runoff, which is collected or
27 channelled by man; discharges through pipes, sewers, or other conveyances owned by the state, a
28 municipality, or other person which do not lead to a treatment works; and discharges through pipes,
29 sewers, or other conveyances, leading into privately owned treatment works. This term does not
30 include an addition of pollutants by an indirect discharger to a publicly owned treatment works.

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34 **(8) (1)** "Bordering waters", as used in ~~Paragraph (7)~~ of this Section, means any waters of
35 the state as otherwise defined, any part of which is located within the confines of the state, and any
36 waters which touch the coastline of Louisiana as it borders on the Gulf of Mexico America, and
37 includes the waters of the Gulf of Mexico America.

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41 **R.S. 30:2076. Prohibitions**

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45 C. No person shall discharge brine from salt domes which are located on the coastline of
46 Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico America into any waters off said coastline and extending
47 therefrom three miles or more into the Gulf of Mexico America when it becomes evident to the
48 department that said discharge is damaging or threatens to damage the aquatic life in the waters of
49 the state. The department may require that any brine disposal be monitored in accordance with
50 rules and regulations.

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54 **R.S. 30:2454. Definitions**

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56 In this Chapter:

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60 (2) "Coastal waters" means the waters and bed of the Gulf of Mexico America within the
61 jurisdiction of the state of Louisiana, including the arms of the Gulf of Mexico America subject

1 to tidal influence, estuaries, and any other waters within the state if such other waters are navigated
2 by vessels with a capacity to carry ten thousand gallons or more of oil as fuel or cargo.
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6 **R.S. 30:2545. Beaches; glass container prohibition**
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10 B. For the purposes of this Section:

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12 (1) "Beach" means any area constituting the shore of the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America within
13 the boundaries of the state of Louisiana or Lake Pontchartrain which is operated as or held out to
14 the public as an area of recreation associated with the respective body of water.
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19 **Title 33**
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21 **R.S. 33:1236. Powers of parish governing authorities**
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23 The police juries and other parish governing authorities shall have the following powers:
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27 (3) To regulate the clearing of the banks of rivers and natural drains; for the clearing of the
28 banks of the Mississippi River and all other navigable streams and natural drains for the purpose
29 of securing a free passage for boats and other water crafts, and for logs and timber; to make
30 regulations to prevent the introduction into and propagation in all such streams and natural drains
31 of aquatic plants and other vegetation which can in any manner impede or obstruct navigation of
32 boats and all other water craft or the towing of logs and timber, as well as to prevent the passing
33 from one stream to another (though one or both of such streams be or be not navigable) of all such
34 aquatic plants and vegetation; to build dams to prevent the passage or encroachment of salt water
35 from the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America or any bays, inlets, or streams connected therewith, into fresh
36 water streams, when such salt water shall be found injurious to property.
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40 **R.S. 33:3887.9. Cameron Parish Wastewater District No. 1**
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44 E. The Cameron Parish Wastewater District No. 1 shall be comprised of the territory
45 beginning at a point which is the intersection of the east line of Township 15 South, Range 9 West,
46 with the shoreline of the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America, thence north along the east lines of the said
47 Township 15 South, Range 9 West, and Townships 14 and 13 South, Range 9 West, to the
48 intersection of said line with the north boundary line of Ward 3, which is the center section line of
49 Section 13, Township 13 South, Range 9 West at that point, thence west along the center section
50 line of Section 13, Township 13 South, Range 9 West and a projection thereof to a point where
51 said line intersects on the east or left descending bank of the Calcasieu Ship Channel, thence
52 following the east or left descending bank of the Calcasieu Ship Channel to the shoreline of the
53 Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America, thence easterly along the shoreline of the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America, to
54 point of beginning.
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1 **R.S. 33:4091. Reports of board**

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5 F. In addition to the other requirements of this Section, the board shall send a report, by
6 electronic mail, to the members of the Orleans Parish legislative delegation and the members of
7 the governing authority of Orleans Parish detailing the pumping and electrical power of its
8 facilities and the available manpower no later than twenty-four hours prior to a hurricane entering
9 the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ **America** as determined by the National Weather Service and no later than
10 forty-eight hours after a flood watch or warning or thunderstorm watch or warning is issued by the
11 National Weather Service for any area of Orleans Parish.
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14 **Title 34**

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16 **R.S. 34:241. Creation and territorial limits**

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18 The Port of Iberia District (formerly known as the "New Iberia Port District") heretofore
19 created as a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana under the provisions of Act 128 of 1938,
20 as amended by Act 446 of 1966 and Act 483 of 1974, is hereby declared to be and constitute a port,
21 harbor, and terminal district pursuant to Section 31 of Article XIV of the constitution of the state
22 of Louisiana for the year 1921, as amended, and as such, shall have all authority granted by said
23 Section of the constitution as well as such authority, powers, and jurisdiction as may be hereinafter
24 provided by this Part, and its territorial limits are fixed as follows:
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26 Parts of Iberia Parish and Vermilion Parish described with particularity below:
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28 Beginning at a point on the boundary line between St. Martin Parish and Iberia Parish, at
29 the point where the centerline of La. 182 intersects said boundary line, thence Southeasterly along
30 the centerline of La. 182 to its intersection with the centerline of La. 88; thence Southwesterly
31 along the centerline of La. 88 to its intersection with the range line between R5E and R6E, and
32 thence Southerly along said range line to its intersection with Parish Road 508; thence Westerly
33 along said Parish Road 508 to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 90; thence
34 Southeasterly along the centerline of U.S. 90 to its intersection with La. 3013; thence
35 Southwesterly to a point 1000 feet from the Western right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 90; thence
36 Southeasterly parallel to and 1000 feet from U.S. Highway 90 to the Southwestern right-of-way
37 line of U.S. Highway 90, to the section line between Sections 20 and 21 T12S, R6E, Southwestern
38 Land District; thence Southerly between Sections 20 and 21, and between Sections 29 and 28, to
39 the North line of Section 87, T12S, R6E; thence in a straight line to the corner common to Sections
40 16, 19, and 20, in T13S, R6E; thence continuing South between Section 19 and 20, 37 and 38, 45
41 and 44, to the corner common to Sections 44, 45, 48, and 49, in T13S, R6E; thence Westerly
42 between Sections 45 and 48 to the corner common to Sections 45, 46, 47, and 48, in T13S, R6E,
43 thence South between Sections 47 and 48, T13S, R6E, and continuing South between Sections 5
44 and 6, 8 and 7 to the Northern shore of Vermilion Bay; thence Westerly and Southerly along the
45 shoreline of Vermilion Bay to the Western shoreline of Southwest Pass; thence Westerly along the
46 shoreline to a point on the most Westerly Western line of the Paul Rainey Wildlife and Game
47 Refuge; thence South to the most Southerly limits of Vermilion Parish in the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~
48 **America**; thence Easterly along the Southern Limits of Vermilion and Iberia Parishes to the Iberia-
49 -St. Mary Parish line; thence following the Iberia--St. Mary Parish line through West Cote Blanche
50 Bay, East Cote Blanche Bay and Vermilion Bay, and continuing along the Iberia--St. Mary Parish
51 line; thence along the lower part of St. Martin Parish and Iberia Parish; thence following the Iberia
52 Parish and Assumption Parish line; thence following the line between Iberia and Iberville Parishes
53 to a point where it reaches the Iberia--St. Martin Parish line; thence along said line to the
54 intersection of Louisiana 182, the point of beginning.
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58 **R.S. 34:321. Creation and territorial limits**

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60 The Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District is hereby created as a political subdivision
61 of the State of Louisiana and its territorial limits are hereby fixed as follows:
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1 All of that portion of St. Mary Parish, State of Louisiana, East of the township line between
 2 R11E and R12E, this line commencing on the North, at a point in Six Mile Lake where said
 3 township line intersects the Northern boundary line of St. Mary Parish, between St. Mary Parish
 4 and St. Martin, thence Southerly on said township line to a corner common to Sections (13)
 5 thirteen, and (24) twenty-four in T-17-S-R-11-E and Sections (18) eighteen and (19) nineteen in T-
 6 17-S-R-12-E, thence Westerly (1) one mile in T-17-S-R-11-E between Sections (13) thirteen and
 7 (24) twenty-four to a corner common to Sections (13) thirteen, (14) fourteen, (23) twenty-three,
 8 and (24) twenty-four in T-17-S-R-11-E, thence Southerly three (3) miles between Sections (23)
 9 twenty-three and (24) twenty-four, (25) twenty-five and (26) twenty-six, (35) thirty-five and (36)
 10 thirty-six in T-17-R-11-E, thence Southerly between Sections (1) one and (2) two, (11) eleven and
 11 (12) twelve, (13) thirteen and (14) fourteen in T-16-S-R-11-E to a point on the Bank of Shell Island,
 12 St. Mary Parish, State of Louisiana, at the Atchafalaya Bay between Sections (13) thirteen and (14)
 13 fourteen in T-18-S-R-11-E. Additionally, there is also included within the district, that portion of
 14 Atchafalaya Bay and the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America out to the Chapman Line described as follows:
 15 Beginning at the point on the south bank of Shell Island at Atchafalaya Bay described above,
 16 thence go westerly along the northern shore of the Atchafalaya Bay to a point 200 feet east of the
 17 eastern bank of Wax Lake Outlet (also known as Calumet Cut) thence in a line running due south
 18 to the Chapman Line (same being three statutory miles from the coast line of the state of
 19 Louisiana); thence in an easterly direction along the Chapman Line to its intersection with the
 20 boundary line between St. Mary and Terrebonne Parishes; thence northerly along the parish
 21 boundary to the westernmost tip of Point Au Fer Island; thence easterly and northerly along the
 22 northern shore of Point Au Fer Island (same being the boundary line between St. Mary and
 23 Terrebonne Parishes) to south Point; thence continue north along the boundary line of the two
 24 parishes (same being the western side of Halter Island); thence continue northerly and westerly
 25 along the eastern shore of Atchafalaya Bay to a point on the eastern bank of the Atchafalaya River
 26 due east from the point of beginning; thence due west to the point of beginning. And any other
 27 access route in St. Mary Parish to the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America that may be acquired. Additionally,
 28 there is also included within the district, the Wax Lake Outlet (also known as the Calumet Cut)
 29 extending from the southeastern corner of Six Mile Lake to the western side of Atchafalaya Bay,
 30 and including that part of the Wax Lake Outlet to the point referred above at a point 200 feet east
 31 of the eastern bank of the Wax Lake Outlet.

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 35 **R.S. 34:341. Canals and locks useful to vessels in sea food industries; free navigation**

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 37 The commissioner of wildlife and fisheries is authorized to acquire by lease, purchase, or
 38 expropriation, from the owners thereof, any system or systems of canals and locks, or any canal or
 39 lock located in the coastal parishes of the state bordering the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America, useful to
 40 vessels engaged in the sea food industries of this state, and to cause such canals and locks to be
 41 operated so that the same shall be open to free navigation by all vessels.

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 45 **R.S. 34:851.27. Local regulations prohibited; exceptions; speed limits; no-wake zones**

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 53 (5)(a) Except as provided in Subparagraph ~~(B)(5)(b)~~ of this Paragraph, the provisions of
 54 this Subsection shall not apply to commercial or passenger vessels operating on the waters of the
 55 Mississippi River or of the outlets of the river to the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America.

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 59 **R.S. 34:942. Board of examiners; appointment, terms and compensation of members**

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 61 The governor shall appoint three examiners to constitute the Board of Examiners of Bar
 62 Pilots for the Port of New Orleans, all of whom shall be bar pilots and shall have served as such

1 for a minimum of five years preceding their appointment at the entrances of the Mississippi River
2 into the Gulf of Mexico America or the entrance of any other waterway connecting the City of
3 New Orleans with the Gulf of Mexico America or other outside waters; the examiners shall hold
4 office for four years or until their successors are appointed and qualified, and shall perform their
5 duties without compensation.

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7 **R.S. 34:943. Associated branch pilots; number**
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9 The pilots whose duty it shall be to pilot sea-going vessels into and out of the entrance of
10 the Mississippi River and into and out of the entrances of all other waterways connecting the Port
11 of New Orleans with outside waters of the Gulf of Mexico America, including the entrance of the
12 New Orleans Tidewater Channel at the western shore of the Chandeleur Sound off Point Chicot,
13 shall be known as Associated Branch Pilots of the Port of New Orleans. There shall not be less
14 than twenty-five of such pilots and they shall be appointed and commissioned by the governor
15 from time to time as the need arises and in accordance with the procedure prescribed in R.S.
16 34:945.

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18 **R.S. 34:944. Confirmation of branch pilots as bar pilots**
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20 All pilots qualified under laws existing prior to July 28, 1948 as branch or bar pilots, and
21 who were then members of the Associated Branch Pilots of New Orleans and engaged in piloting
22 vessels in and out of the entrances of the Mississippi River between Pilot Town and the Gulf of
23 Mexico America are hereby designated and confirmed as bar pilots for the port of New Orleans
24 without further qualification or commission.

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28 **R.S. 34:948. Qualifications of pilots; bond**
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30 No person shall be appointed a bar pilot unless: (1) he is a qualified elector of the State of
31 Louisiana; (2) has served at least twelve months next preceding the date of his application in a
32 pilot boat at the mouth of the Mississippi River or other entrances into the Gulf of Mexico America
33 or other outside waters from the port of New Orleans; (3) has successfully passed the examination
34 given by the board of examiners, and has been commissioned by the governor; and (4) has
35 furnished a bond in favor of the governor in the amount of two thousand dollars conditioned on
36 the faithful performance of the duties imposed upon them by this Sub-part. This bond shall be
37 approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans.

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41 **R.S. 34:953. Ships required to take pilots**
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43 All ships and vessels inward or outward bound throughout the entrances of the Mississippi
44 River or other inland waterway connecting the port of New Orleans with the Gulf of Mexico
45 America, or other outside waters, except those of one hundred tons or less lawfully engaged in the
46 coasting trade of the United States, shall take a bar pilot when one is offered; and any ship or vessel
47 refusing or failing to take a pilot shall be liable to the pilot thus offering for pilotage.

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51 **R.S. 34:1073. Body of pilots; name; duty**
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53 There shall be a body of pilots to be known as the Associated Branch Pilots for the Port of
54 Lake Charles whose duty it shall be to pilot seagoing vessels within the state of Louisiana, on all
55 navigable streams, canals, channels, rivers, and boundary waters within the Intracoastal Canal,
56 Calcasieu, and Sabine Rivers, and across the bars and passes, except that this Section shall not
57 apply to the pilotage of vessels or ships for entrance of and upon the Mississippi River or any other
58 waterway connecting the port of New Orleans or any other port on the Mississippi River with the
59 Gulf of Mexico America.

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1 **R.S. 34:1076. Pilotage fees; exceptions**

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5 H. The provisions of this Section do not apply to the pilotage of vessels or ships for
6 entrance of and upon the Mississippi River, or any other waterway connecting the port of New
7 Orleans or any other port on the Mississippi River with the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America.
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11 **R.S. 34:1601. Creation; territorial limits**

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13 The Twin Parish Port District, (previously known as the "Delcambre Port Commission")
14 hereinafter referred to as the district, is hereby created as a political subdivision of the state of
15 Louisiana, and its territorial limits are hereby fixed as follows:
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17 Iberia Parish: Beginning at a point on the boundary line between St. Martin Parish and
18 Iberia Parish, at the point where the centerline of La. 182 intersects said boundary line, thence
19 southeasterly along the centerline of La. 182 to its intersection with the centerline of La. 88; thence
20 southwesterly along the centerline of La. 88 to its intersection with the range line between R5E
21 and R6E, and thence southerly along said range line to its intersection with Parish Road 508; thence
22 westerly along said Parish Road 508 to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 90;
23 thence southeasterly along the centerline of U.S. 90 to its intersection with La. 3013; thence
24 southwesterly to a point 1000 feet from the western right of way line of U.S. Highway 90; thence
25 southeasterly parallel to and 1000 feet from U.S. Highway 90 to the southwestern right-of-way
26 line of U.S. Highway 90, to the section line between Sections 20 and 21 T12S, R6E, Southwestern
27 Land District; thence southerly between Sections 20 and 21, and between Sections 29 and 28, to
28 the north line of Section 87, T12S, R6E; thence in a straight line to the corner common to Sections
29 16, 19, and 20, in T13S, R6E; thence continuing south between Section 19 and 20, 37 and 38, 45
30 and 44, to the corner common to Sections 44, 45, 48, and 49, in T13S, R6E; thence westerly
31 between Sections 45 and 48 to the corner common to Sections 45, 46, 47 and 48, in T13S, R6E,
32 thence south between Sections 47 and 48, T13S, R6E, and continuing south between Sections 5
33 and 6, 8 and 7 to the northern shore of Vermilion Bay; thence generally easterly and southerly
34 along the northern and eastern shoreline of Vermilion Bay to the boundary line between Iberia and
35 St. Mary Parishes; thence following said boundary line to and through East Cote Blanche Bay,
36 West Cote Blanche Bay and thence southerly along said boundary line to the lower limits of Iberia
37 Parish in the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America; thence generally westerly following the southern limits of
38 Iberia Parish to its intersection with the boundary line between Iberia Parish and Vermilion Parish;
39 thence continuing westerly along the southern limits of Vermilion Parish to a point due south of
40 the most westerly western line of the Paul Rainey Wildlife Game Refuge; thence north to the
41 shoreline of the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America; thence easterly following said shoreline of the Gulf of
42 ~~Mexico~~ America to Southwest Pass; thence following the western shoreline of Southwest Pass
43 and Vermilion Bay around to the boundary line between Vermilion Parish and Iberia Parish; thence
44 following the boundary line between Iberia Parish and Vermilion Parish in a generally northerly
45 direction to and around Lake Peigneur and continuing northerly along said line and the line
46 between Iberia and Lafayette Parishes to the point common to Iberia, Lafayette and St. Martin
47 Parishes; thence easterly along the boundary line between Iberia and St. Martin Parishes to the
48 point of beginning, to the intersection of La. 182.
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50 Vermilion Parish: Wards one and all of Ward 2 less and except that portion of Ward 2 lying
51 West of the following described line, beginning at a point on the common boundary line of Wards
52 2 and 3 formed by the intersection of the centerline of Youngs Coulee and the West line of
53 Fractional Section 8, T 13 S-R 4 E, thence in a Southerly direction through T 13 S-R 4 E along the
54 West lines of Fractional Section 17, Section 20, Section 29, and Section 32 to the North Line of T
55 14 S-R 4 E, thence continuing Southerly through T 14 S-R 4 E along the West lines of Sections 5,
56 8, 17, 20, 29 and 32 to the North Line of T 15 S-R 4 E, thence continuing through T 15 S-R 4 E,
57 in a Southerly direction along the West Line of Section 6 and 7 to the Vermilion Bay Shoreline,
58 thence in a Southeasterly direction through Vermilion Bay to a point located on the common
59 boundary line between Vermilion Parish Wards 2 and 7 whose geographic position is 29°42'30"
60 North Latitude, 92°5'00" West Longitude.
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1 **R.S. 34:1652.5. Authority to enter into agreements with United States**
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3 The commission may enter into an agreement with the United States, with the approval of
4 the governor and/or attorney general, to provide that the construction, maintenance and operation
5 of jetties in the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America by said commission shall not affect the location of
6 shoreline, coastline or boundaries of the State of Louisiana.
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10 **CHAPTER 45. ACADIANA GULF OF MEXICO ACCESS CHANNEL**
11 **AGMAC DEEPENING PROJECT**
12 **PART I. IN GENERAL**
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14 **R.S. 34:3301. Object and purpose**
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16 It is the object and purpose of this Chapter to provide for the Acadiana Gulf of Mexico
17 Access Channel (AGMAC) Deepening Project, allowing more efficient marine access from the
18 Port of Iberia (POI) and other Acadiana Ports in the area to the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America
19 (GOA) by enlarging the existing channel to a project depth of twenty feet; to designate the
20 Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development as the assuring and coordinating agency
21 of the state; to furnish to the United States such assurances as may be required by the Congress of
22 the United States as a condition for such project, including, among other things, that the state or
23 an agency, department, or subdivision thereof will provide such lands, servitudes, and rights-of-
24 way or other rights or interest necessary to construction of the project, including suitable areas for
25 initial and subsequent disposal of dredged material and all alterations and relocations of submarine
26 pipelines, cables, and other structures and improvements necessary for project purposes, berthing
27 areas and local access channels, and also agreements to indemnify and hold harmless the United
28 States from claims arising out of the construction, maintenance, and operation of the project in
29 certain instances; to share the portion of the costs, and to reimburse to the United States all or such
30 portion of the costs, of the construction of the deepened channel as may be required by the
31 congress.
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33 **R.S. 34:3302. AGMAC Deepening Project**
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35 A. For the purpose established in this Chapter and contingent upon the necessary act of
36 designation to be promulgated by the governor pursuant to R.S. 38:81, designating the Department
37 of Transportation and Development as the assuring and coordinating agency for the AGMAC
38 Project, the secretary of the department is authorized to negotiate and contract with the United
39 States of America to provide such local assurances and cooperation as is necessary for the purposes
40 authorized in this Chapter.
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42 B. The secretary is authorized to proceed with and cooperate in the planning, design,
43 engineering, construction, and right-of-way acquisition of the project; to wit, providing a channel
44 twenty feet in depth from the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America to Port of Iberia (POI).
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46 C. The Department of Transportation and Development shall be designated as the ~~non-~~
47 nonfederal sponsor of the lower portion of the Vermilion River in Vermilion Parish for
48 ten and three/tenths miles to a depth of twenty feet if included as a post authorization change to
49 the AGMAC.
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53 **R.S. 34:3304. Coordination and cooperation**
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55 A. It is the policy of this Chapter that the AGMAC Deepening Project be pursued so that
56 there is full coordination and cooperation between all federal and state entities that have
57 complementing or overlapping interest and authority in the project. The secretary of the
58 Department of Transportation and Development is authorized to coordinate all of the state and
59 local governmental aspects of the project so that there is a long-term and orderly development and
60 maintenance of the project.
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1 **R.S. 34:3307. Authority to expropriate and acquire property for the AGMAC Deepening**
2 **Project prior to judgment**
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4 A. When the Department of Transportation and Development or its agent cannot amicably
5 acquire property needed for the AGMAC Deepening Project as provided in this Chapter, it may
6 acquire the same by expropriation and may acquire the property prior to judgment in the trial court
7 on the amount of compensation due to the owner of the property.
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11 **R.S. 34:3309. Prayer of petition; ex parte order for deposit**
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13 The petition shall conclude with a prayer that the property be declared taken for the
14 AGMAC Deepening Project. Upon presentation of the petition, the court shall issue an order
15 directing that the amount of the estimate be deposited in the registry of the court. Upon the deposit
16 of the amount of the estimate in the registry of the court, for the use and benefit of the persons
17 entitled thereto, the clerk shall issue a receipt showing the amount deposited, the date it was
18 deposited, the style and number of the cause, and the description of the property and property
19 rights, as contained in the petition.
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23 **R.S. 34:3310. Vesting of title**
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25 Title to the property and the property rights specified in the petition shall vest in the
26 department upon final court order declaring that the property described in the petition has been
27 taken for the AGMAC deepening purposes, and the right to just and adequate compensation
28 therefor shall vest in the persons entitled thereto. Upon vesting of title, the department may enter
29 upon and take possession of the property.
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33 **R.S. 34:3312. Contesting validity of proposed taking; waiver of defenses**
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35 A. Any defendant desiring to contest the validity of the taking on the ground that the
36 property taken for the AGMAC Deepening Project was not expropriated for a public purpose may
37 file a motion to dismiss the suit within fifteen days after the date on which the notice was served
38 on him. He shall certify thereon that a copy thereof has been served personally or by mail on either
39 the plaintiff or its attorney of record in the suit. This motion shall be tried contradictorily with
40 preference to the judge alone and shall be decided prior to fixing the case for trial on the
41 compensation or damages due to the defendant.
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43 **R.S. 34:3313. Defendant's answer; requirements; delay for filing**
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45 Where property is expropriated pursuant to this Chapter, any defendant may apply for a
46 trial to determine the measure of compensation to which he is entitled, provided:
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48 (1) He files an answer within one year from the date he is notified in writing by the
49 department that it has finally accepted the construction of the AGMAC Deepening Project for
50 which the property was expropriated; provided, he may file his answer prior to the date he is
51 notified by the department.
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55 **R.S. 34:3402. Mississippi River Deepening Project**
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59 B. The secretary is authorized to proceed with and cooperate in the planning, design,
60 engineering, construction, and maintenance of the first phase of the project; to-wit, providing a
61 channel forty-five feet in depth from the Gulf of Mexico America to mile one hundred eighty one
62 above the Head of Passes. Should training works be required for the project, appropriate fresh

1 water diversion structures shall be constructed, as part of the federal project, to compensate for
2 any consequent loss of fresh water in the marsh environment.
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6 D. Upon completion of the second phase of the project, the secretary is authorized to
7 proceed with and cooperate in the planning, design, engineering, construction, and maintenance of
8 subsequent phases of the project that would advance the deepening of the channel from forty-five
9 feet to fifty-three feet from the Gulf of Mexico America to mile two hundred thirty-two point four
10 above the Head of Passes.
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14 **R.S. 34:3551. Coastal Port Advisory Authority; purpose; legislative findings**
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16 The legislature hereby finds and declares that the development of oil and gas resources is
17 essential to promote Louisiana's economic growth and the ability of the maritime, oil and gas
18 industries to compete in regional, national, and global markets and to provide a high quality of life
19 for the people of this state. The legislature declares and finds the following:
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21 (1) The Gulf of Mexico America has substantial oil and gas resources.
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23 (2) Many of these resources are considered to be in the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico
24 America.
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26 (3) Major energy companies are expressing renewed interest in the deepwater oil and gas
27 resources of the Gulf of Mexico America as expressed in recent federal oil and gas lease sales and
28 in budgeted capital expenditures.
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30 (4) The state of Louisiana was once best suited to serve as the host state for the fabrication
31 of the infrastructure needed to develop shallow and some deepwater Gulf of Mexico America oil
32 and gas resources because of its competitive advantage of world class coastal ports.
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36 (6) Economic opportunities and job creation resulting from improved coastal port
37 infrastructures could create a renaissance of fabrication resulting from the proposed private
38 investment of major energy companies in the deepwater resources of the Gulf of Mexico America.
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42 (8) The state of Louisiana should move aggressively to determine how it can best fund
43 improvements to its coastal ports in order to take advantage of the pending private sector
44 investments in the deepwater resources of the Gulf of Mexico America, and, thereby secure itself
45 as the premiere province to host such activities, and further secure jobs for its citizens and
46 improvements to the quality of life.
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48 **R.S. 34:3552. Coastal Port Advisory Authority; creation; membership; duties and functions**
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52 B. The authority shall perform its duties and functions through a board composed of the
53 following members:
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55 (1) One member appointed at large by the governor who shall serve as chairman of the
56 authority and have knowledge of the deepwater Gulf of Mexico America.
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60 D.(1) The authority shall be advisory in nature.
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1 (4) The authority may call upon the expertise of others with knowledge of Gulf of ~~Mexico~~
2 America deep water exploration and production, including but not limited to the Louisiana Mid-
3 Continent Oil and Gas Association, the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association, the American
4 Petroleum Institute, the National Ocean Industries Association, the Gulf Economic Survival Team,
5 chambers of commerce, Louisiana universities, fabrication companies, the Louisiana Association
6 of Waterway Operators and Shipyards, the Louisiana River Pilots' Association, and port
7 organizations.
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12 Title 38
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14 **R.S. 38:291. Naming; limits of districts; composition of boards**
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18 F. Lafourche Basin Conservation Levee and Drainage District. (1) All of the parishes or
19 parts of parishes, except the parishes of Lafourche, Orleans, Jefferson, and Plaquemines, lying in
20 a district between the Bayou Lafourche, the Mississippi River, and the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America,
21 heretofore known as the Third Levee District and comprising a portion of the following parishes:
22 Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Charles, and Assumption shall be embraced in the
23 limits of a levee district to be known as the Lafourche Basin Conservation Levee and Drainage
24 District.
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28 **R.S. 38:325. Scope of activities**
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32 C.(1) * * *

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36 (4) Nothing contained in this Chapter shall be construed to limit or prohibit the construction
37 with federal matching funds of recreational facilities which are part of a federally approved flood
38 control program situated south from Donaldsonville to the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America within the
39 Lafourche Basin Conservation Levee and Drainage District.
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43 **R.S. 38:3086.25. Bayou Lafourche; fresh water maintenance**
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45 The purpose of this Part is to make it possible for the fresh water district which is hereby
46 created to provide and maintain in Bayou Lafourche a source of fresh water supply from
47 Donaldsonville to the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America and that nothing in this Part is to be construed as
48 impairing the right and authority of the municipalities as defined by the constitution, including
49 police juries of the several parishes involved, to create and maintain and operate waterworks
50 districts and sub-waterworks districts as is presently provided for in R.S. 33:3811 through 3832,
51 or as may be hereafter provided by law. Any waterworks district or sub-waterworks district so
52 created shall not be permitted to take its supply of water from the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water
53 District herein created except after adequate compensation paid therefor to the Bayou Lafourche
54 Fresh Water District in accordance with the rates prescribed by the governing authority of the
55 district under the powers herein conferred, which rates shall be equal and uniform for all
56 municipalities and industries purchasing such water within the district.

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2 **Title 39**

3 **R.S. 39:91. Deepwater Horizon Economic Damages Collection Fund**
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5 A.(1) There shall be established in the state treasury as a special permanent trust fund
6 named the Deepwater Horizon Economic Damages Collection Fund. After allocation of money to
7 the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of the
8 Constitution of Louisiana, the treasurer shall deposit in and credit to the Fiscal Year 2015-2016
9 Deficit Elimination Fund as created in Subsection D of this Section, the first two hundred million
10 dollars of the proceeds of the settlement, judgment, or final disposition of the state's economic
11 damages claims asserted in State of Louisiana v. BP Exploration & Production, et al., MDL NO.
12 2179 (E.D.LA. pending) (hereinafter "DWH litigation") to recover economic damages sustained
13 by the state from the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill that occurred on or about April
14 20, 2010, at the MC 252 site in the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America.
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18 D.(1) The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Deficit Elimination Fund, hereinafter referred to as the
19 "fund", is hereby created in the state treasury. After allocation of money to the Bond Security and
20 Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the
21 treasurer shall deposit in and credit to the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Deficit Elimination Fund the first
22 two hundred million dollars of the proceeds of the settlement, judgment, or final disposition of the
23 state's economic damages claims asserted in the DWH litigation to recover economic damages
24 sustained by the state from the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill that occurred on or about
25 April 20, 2010, at the MC 252 site in the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America.
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29 **R.S. 39:99.27. Definitions**
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31 As used in this Subpart:
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35 (6) "Consent decree" means the settlement agreement and related documents between the
36 state of Louisiana and other gulf coast states, the United States, and BP Exploration & Production
37 Inc. (BPXP) including the consent decree among defendant BPXP, the United States of America,
38 and the states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas and final judgment approving
39 the consent decree entered in the case "In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig 'Deepwater Horizon' in the
40 Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010," bearing MDL No. 2179 of the docket of the United States
41 District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.
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45 (17) "Offshore Royalty Revenue" means all monies constituting the state of Louisiana's
46 allocable share pursuant to the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006.
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50 (28) "State allocation" means all monies to be received by the state of Louisiana as a result
51 of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability,
52 Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act as provided in the
53 consent decree, or the Deepwater Horizon (DWH) natural resource damages as provided in the
54 consent decree including all of the state of Louisiana's allocable share as determined thereunder,
55 without giving effect to any sale of any portion thereof.
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1 **R.S. 39:99.45. Pledge and agreement**

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5 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or statute applicable to or constituting any
6 limitation upon the sale of bonds or notes, or upon the execution of related documentation and
7 agreements, any parish and other local governing entity that is a coastal political subdivision is
8 hereby authorized to sell to the corporation all or a portion of their twenty percent of the allocable
9 share due the state of Louisiana pursuant to the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006.

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12 **Title 40**

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14 **R.S. 40:5.5.2. Seafood safety**

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18 C. As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

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22 (3) "Domestic shrimp" means any food product that is derived from the species
23 *Litopenaeus setiferus*, *Farfantepenaeus aztecus*, *Farfantepenaeus duorarum*, *Sicyonia brevirostris*,
24 *Pandalus borealis*, and *Pleoticus robustus* and is either:

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26 (a) Caught in Louisiana waters, the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America, or any other adjacent state
27 waters and landed and processed in Louisiana.

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32 **Title 41**

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34 **R.S. 41:14. Conveyances of waterbottoms; ownership**

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36 No grant, sale, or conveyance of the lands forming the bottoms of rivers, streams, bayous,
37 lagoons, lakes, bays, sounds, and inlets bordering on or connecting with the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~
38 America within the territory or jurisdiction of the state shall be made by the register of the state
39 land office or by any other official or by any subordinate political subdivision, except pursuant to
40 R.S. 41:1701 through 1714. Any rights accorded by law to the owners or occupants of lands on the
41 shores of any waters described in this Section shall not extend beyond the ordinary low water
42 mark. No one shall own any bottoms of lands covering the bottoms of waters described in this
43 Section.

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47 **R.S. 41:96. Withdrawal from sale or entry of certain lands**

48
49 The governor shall withdraw from sale or entry any of the vacant and unappropriated public
50 lands belonging to the State of Louisiana, now existing or hereafter acquired by accretion or
51 otherwise, located south of the following lines and described and bounded as follows:

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53 All of that area bounded on the east by the axis of the Mississippi River to the head of the
54 passes at the mouth of the Mississippi River bounded on the northwest by a line, commencing at
55 Cubits Gap Lighthouse and running south thirty-five degrees (35°) west (true bearing) through
56 Cubits Gap Lighthouse, latitude 29°11'36.70" north, longitude 89°15'53.75" west; bounded on the
57 northeast by a line beginning on and at the axis of the Mississippi River at a point, north of the
58 head of the passes of the Mississippi River, and at the juncture of the channels of the Mississippi
59 River and Pass A L'Outre, and running along and through the channel of Pass A L'Outre, along and
60 through the channel of the North Pass, north of Pass A L'Outre Lighthouse to deep water in the
61 Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America; and bounded on the south by deep water in the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America,
62 all as described on the copy of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey Chart No. 194, to be

1 identified with this Chapter by the signatures to be thereto affixed, of and by the Speaker of the
2 House of Representatives, the president of the Senate and the Governor of the State of Louisiana,
3 and to be filed for future reference in the office of and by the Secretary of State.
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7 **R.S. 41:642. Sixteenth section lands; erosion; title and revenues**
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9 A.(1) The trustee title of the state of Louisiana to those sixteenth section or indemnity lands
10 granted by congress to the state of Louisiana as trustee for the benefit of the school children of the
11 township in which such lands are located, shall be deemed transferred to the state of Louisiana in
12 its sovereign capacity when such lands become a part of the bed of any body of navigable water
13 as a result of erosion, subsidence of the surface, action of a navigable stream, bay, lake, or the Gulf
14 of Mexico America, or other similar occurrence; however, except as provided for in Paragraph (2)
15 of this Subsection, revenues generated by such former lands held in trust shall be credited to the
16 account of the current school fund of the parish having an interest in the sixteenth section or
17 indemnity school lands to ensure the purposes of the original grant, and in accordance with the
18 procedures established herein.
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22 **R.S. 41:1701. Declaration of policy; public trust**
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24 The beds and bottoms of all navigable waters and the banks or shores of bays, arms of the
25 sea, the Gulf of Mexico America, and navigable lakes belong to the state of Louisiana, and the
26 policy of this state is hereby declared to be that these lands and water bottoms, hereinafter referred
27 to as "public lands", shall be protected, administered, and conserved to best ensure full public
28 navigation, fishery, recreation, and other interests. Unregulated encroachments upon these
29 properties may result in injury and interference with the public use and enjoyment and may create
30 hazards to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this state. To provide for the orderly
31 protection and management of these state-owned properties and serve the best interests of all
32 citizens, the lands and water bottoms, except those excluded and exempted and as otherwise
33 provided by this Chapter, or as otherwise provided by law, shall be under the management of the
34 division of administration, hereinafter referred to as the "division". The state land office,
35 hereinafter referred to as the "office", shall be responsible for the control, permitting, and leasing
36 of encroachments upon public lands, in accordance with this Chapter and the laws of Louisiana
37 and the United States.
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39 **R.S. 41:1701.1. State Land Office; powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities**
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43 B. The State Land Office shall be composed of four sections as follows:
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47 (2) The land and water bottom section, which shall be responsible for management of the
48 programs within the statutory responsibility and authority of the State Land Office relating to the
49 beds and bottoms of navigable waters and the banks or shores of the bays, arms of the sea, the Gulf
50 of Mexico America, and navigable lakes which belong to the state of Louisiana, and those over
51 which the state has acquired the right to navigate by conventional agreement or otherwise, which
52 shall be protected, administered, and conserved to best ensure full public navigation, fishery,
53 recreation, and other interests.
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1 **R.S. 41:1702. Reclamation of lands lost through erosion, compaction, subsidence, and sea**
2 **level rise; land acquisition for certain coastal projects; requirements**
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6 B.(1) Pursuant to the authority of Article IX, Section 3 of the Constitution of Louisiana,
7 owners of land contiguous to and abutting navigable waters, bays, arms of the sea, the Gulf of
8 **Mexico America**, and navigable lakes belonging to the state shall have the right to reclaim or
9 recover land, including all oil, gas, and mineral rights, except as otherwise provided in Subsection
10 E of this Section, lost through erosion, compaction, subsidence, or sea level rise occurring on and
11 after July 1, 1921, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Title for the fixing of
12 boundaries by mutual consent and, also, those procedures applicable to contested boundaries.
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16 (3) As to owners of land formerly or presently contiguous to and abutting the coast of the
17 Gulf of **Mexico America**, as that coast is defined in the decree of the United States Supreme Court
18 dated June 16, 1975, in United States v. State of Louisiana, No. 9 Original (Tidelands Case) lands
19 lost by erosion, compaction, subsidence, or sea level rise on the landward side of said coastline
20 may be the subject of reclamation hereunder, whether or not the erosion occurred before July 1,
21 1921, and reclamation may be authorized out to that coastline.
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26 **Title 48**

28 **R.S. 48:831. Authority to construct, acquire, and operate**
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30 In addition to the powers now possessed by it, any parish or municipality may construct,
31 acquire, improve, operate, and maintain tunnels, causeways, bridges, or any combination of such
32 facilities, including all necessary approaches, fixtures, accessories, and equipment, in, over,
33 through, or under the waterways of the state, the Gulf of **Mexico America**, or any lakes, canals,
34 bayous, bays, or inlets within the state or opening thereinto, and may pay the cost of such
35 construction, acquisition, or improvement.
36

38 **Title 49**

40 **R.S. 49:2. Sovereignty over waters within boundaries**
41

42 A. Subject to the right of the government of the United States to regulate foreign and
43 interstate commerce under Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the United States, and to
44 the power of the government of the United States over cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction
45 under Section 2 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the United States, and the powers of the United
46 States Coast Guard as provided by law to patrol and protect the navigable waters of the United
47 States in the Gulf of **Mexico America**, the state of Louisiana has full sovereignty over all of the
48 waters of the Gulf of **Mexico America** and of the arms of the Gulf of **Mexico America** within the
49 boundaries of Louisiana, and over the beds and shores of the Gulf and all arms of the Gulf within
50 the boundaries of Louisiana.
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52 B. The state of Louisiana shall be entitled to all the lands, minerals and other natural
53 resources underlying the Gulf of **Mexico America**, extending seaward from its coastline for a
54 distance of three marine leagues.
55

56 **R.S. 49:3. Ownership of waters within boundaries**
57

58 The State of Louisiana owns in full and complete ownership the waters of the Gulf of
59 **Mexico America** and of the arms of the Gulf and the beds and shores of the Gulf and the arms of
60 the Gulf, including all lands that are covered by the waters of the Gulf and its arms either at low
61 tide or high tide, within the boundaries of Louisiana.
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3 **R.S. 49:4. Water boundary between Louisiana and Mississippi**

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5 The water boundary between the States of Louisiana and Mississippi from the mouth of
6 the Pearl river to the Gulf of **Mexico America** is fixed by the decree of the Supreme Court of the
7 United States in the suit of Louisiana versus Mississippi, and marked and buoyed so as to be
8 reasonably permanent and so as to make the location of the line reasonably plain and apparent to
9 those navigating these waters.

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13 **R.S. 49:214.1. Purpose and intent**

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17 F. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law and in accordance with the
18 requirements of the Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address
19 Hurricanes in the Gulf of **Mexico America**, and Pandemic Influenza Act of 2006, the Coastal
20 Protection and Restoration Authority Board is established, authorized, and empowered to carry out
21 any and all functions necessary to serve as the single entity responsible to act as the local sponsor
22 for construction, operation and maintenance of all of the hurricane, storm damage reduction and
23 flood control projects in areas under its jurisdiction, including the greater New Orleans and
24 southeast Louisiana area.

25
26 **R.S. 49:214.2. Definitions**

27
28 As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them below:

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31
32 (10) "Infrastructure" means facilities or systems in the coastal area that are negatively
33 impacted by coastal land loss or rising seas, and that serve a critical public purpose and are
34 consistent with the priorities stated in the master plan and the eligible uses of the **Gulf of Mexico**
35 **Energy Security Act of 2006**. The term shall not include levee, hurricane protection, or coastal
36 restoration systems.

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40 **R.S. 49:214.4.1. Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration and**
41 **Conservation**

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43 A. Statement of purpose

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46
47 (2) An important aspect of the need for integrated coastal protection is that Louisiana is
48 annually losing between twenty-five and thirty-five square miles of coastal area to the Gulf of
49 **Mexico America**. In 2005, and again in 2008, the coastal area suffered a devastating loss of
50 hundreds of square miles resulting from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, and Ike. The loss of the
51 state's coastal lands threatens natural, cultural, and economic resources which are of vital
52 importance to our state and nation. The numerous benefits provided by our coastal area include
53 the presence of an abundance of habitat for waterfowl, fur-bearing species, and fisheries that
54 support recreational and commercial interests. In addition, our coastal area acts as the first line of
55 defense for coastal communities, including New Orleans, in the face of hurricanes and tropical
56 storm surges. They also provide protection for the pipelines through which much of our nation's
57 energy supply flows. And, our coastal area is home to unique and diverse cultures that have called
58 the wetlands home for many generations.

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1 **R.S. 49:214.29. Special areas, projects, and programs**

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5 H. The governor may, upon recommendation by the secretary and after consultation with
6 the attorney general as to any adverse impact on the coastline, enter into agreements with the
7 United States regarding the construction, maintenance, and operation of projects along the
8 coastline and in the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America. The agreements may provide that such projects
9 shall not affect the location of the shoreline or boundaries of the state.
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12
13 **R.S. 49:259. Department of Justice Legal Support Fund**

14
15 A. There is hereby established in the state treasury a special fund to be known as the
16 Department of Justice Legal Support Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund". The fund shall be
17 comprised of proceeds recovered by the attorney general on behalf of the state from court
18 judgments, settlements, fines, fees, forfeitures, and penalties; from the recovery or award of any
19 attorney fees as provided in R.S. 42:262; or from proceeds recovered by the attorney general from
20 any other source, which revenues are received by the attorney general for deposit into the fund,
21 except those judgments and recoveries made on or pertaining to any office of risk management
22 litigation, litigation involving the Department of Energy and Natural Resources or the Department
23 of Environmental Quality, or to the settlement funds, judgments, or final disposition of the claims
24 asserted in State of Louisiana v. BP Exploration & Production, et al., consolidated with In Re: Oil
25 Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010, MDL No.
26 2179 (E.D. La.) (hereinafter "DWH litigation"), as provided in Subsection D of this Section.
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31 **Title 50**

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33 **R.S. 50:7. Superseded state coordinate systems; definitions retained**

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37 B. Zones. For these deprecated systems, the state was divided into a North Zone, a South
38 Zone, and an Offshore Zone as follows:
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42 (3) The area now included in that area of the Gulf of Mexico America defined as being
43 within two hundred miles of the state of Louisiana shall constitute the Offshore Zone.
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48 **Title 51**

49
50 **R.S. 51:2453. Definitions**

51
52 The following words or terms as used in this Chapter shall have the following meaning,
53 unless a different meaning appears from the context:
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56
57 (2) "Employer" shall mean a legal person who executes a contract with the department
58 pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter and who offers, or will offer within ninety days of the
59 effective date of qualifying for the incentive rebates pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, a
60 basic health benefits plan to the individuals whom it employs in new direct jobs in this state which
61 shall be determined by the Louisiana Economic Development to be in compliance with federally

1 mandated healthcare requirements or, if no federally mandated healthcare requirements exist, shall
2 be determined to have a value of at least one dollar and twenty-five cents per hour.
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6 (b) To qualify for a contract pursuant to this Chapter, employers must meet one of the
7 following provisions:
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11 (iii) The employer is an oil and gas field services business as defined in North American
12 Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 213112 which has Louisiana as the national or
13 regional headquarters of a multi-state business whose service territory includes at least Louisiana
14 and the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America.
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17 Title 56

18 **R.S. 56:3. Ownership of wild birds, quadrupeds, fish, aquatic life, water bottoms, oysters, 19 and shellfish**

20
21 A. The ownership and title to all wild birds, and wild quadrupeds, fish, other aquatic life,
22 the beds and bottoms of rivers, streams, bayous, lagoons, lakes, bays, sounds, and inlets bordering
23 on or connecting with the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America within the territory or jurisdiction of the state,
24 including all oysters and other shellfish and parts thereof grown thereon, either naturally or
25 cultivated, and all oysters in the shells after they are caught or taken therefrom, are and remain the
26 property of the state, and shall be under the exclusive control of the Wildlife and Fisheries
27 Commission except as provided in R.S. 56:4.
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32 B. Wild birds, quadrupeds, fish, other aquatic life, and the beds and bottoms of rivers,
33 streams, bayous, lagoons, lakes, bays, sounds, and inlets bordering on or connecting with the Gulf
34 of ~~Mexico~~ America, within the territorial jurisdiction of the state, including all oysters and other
35 shellfish and parts thereof grown thereon, either naturally or cultivated, and all oysters in the shells
36 after they are caught or taken therefrom, shall not be taken, sold, or had in possession except as
37 otherwise permitted in this Title; and the title of the state to all such wild birds, quadrupeds, fish,
38 and other aquatic life, even though taken in accordance with the provisions of this Title, and the
39 beds and bottoms of rivers, streams, bayous, lagoons, lakes, bays, sounds, and inlets always
40 remains in the state for the purpose of regulating and controlling the use and disposition thereof.
41

42 **R.S. 56:4. Authority of Department of Energy and Natural Resources over navigable water 43 bottoms**

44
45 Nothing in this Title and particularly in R.S. 56:3 affects in any way the authority of the
46 Department of Energy and Natural Resources to lease or otherwise administer the beds and
47 bottoms of navigable rivers, streams, bayous, lagoons, lakes, bays, sounds, and inlets bordering on
48 or connecting with the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America within the territory or jurisdiction of the state, as
49 established by law and regulations promulgated thereunder.
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52 **R.S. 56:6. Special powers and duties; statistics; rules and regulations; reports**

53
54 The commission, through its secretary:
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57
58 (22) The commission shall prohibit the discharge of brine from salt domes which are
59 located on the coastline of Louisiana and the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America and other petroleum wastes
60 into any waters off said coastline and extending therefrom three miles or more into the Gulf of
61 ~~Mexico~~ America when it becomes evident that said discharge is damaging or threatens to damage
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1 the aquatic life in the waters of the state. The commission may require that any brine disposal be
2 monitored in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the commission.
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5
6 (34) May promulgate rules and regulations, subject to the provisions of the Administrative
7 Procedure Act, to manage and collect harvest information for recreational landings of state and
8 federal cooperatively managed species in coordination with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery
9 Management Council, and to set seasons, times, places, quotas, daily take, possession limits,
10 permitting, reporting procedures, landing requirements, tagging requirements, and other rules and
11 regulations pursuant thereto necessary to manage and collect harvest information on recreational
12 landings.
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16 **R.S. 56:8. Definitions**
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18 For purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the meaning ascribed
19 to them in this Section, unless the context clearly shows a different meaning:
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22
23 (118) "Saltwater shrimp" means all species of shrimp of commercial or economic value
24 found in the coastal waters of the state and in the Gulf of Mexico America acontiguous to the
25 Louisiana coast, including the white shrimp or "common saltwater shrimp" (*Litopenaeus*
26 *setiferus*), also called the "lake shrimp"; the brown shrimp (*Farfantepenaeus aztecus*); the pink
27 shrimp (*Farfantepenaeus duorarum*); the "sea bob" (*Xiphopeneus kroyeri*), also called "six
28 barbes"; and any other shrimp or like species which may be taken from coastal waters or sold
29 through commercial channels.
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33 **R.S. 56:10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;**
34 **limitations on purposes for use of monies in particular funds and accounts; warrants;**
35 **vouchers; surplus funds**
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39 B.(1) * * *

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43 (16)(a) The monies in the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund shall be used
44 solely for the administration and conducting of the Louisiana Recreational Creel Survey
45 (LACREEL), the Recreational Offshore Landing Permit program (ROLP), and the saltwater fish
46 stock estimate.
47

48 (b) The monies allocated to the programs described in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph
49 shall not be used on or for any of the following purposes:
50

51 (i) To create any exempted fishing permit program or pilot program as recognized and
52 granted by the United States Department of Commerce through the National Oceanic and
53 Atmospheric Administration - National Marine Fisheries Service, that establishes a limited access
54 or entry program for licensed fishermen, either voluntarily or required, fishing in territorial waters,
55 including the boundary from the shoreline to a distance nine miles into the Gulf of Mexico
56 America, as established by federal law.
57

58 (ii) To create limited entry programs, including but not limited to lotteries, established for
59 any of the following:
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1 (cc) The limitation of the days at sea that further restrict access to a number of days that
2 differs from seasons established for all licensed fishermen by the department or the Gulf of Mexico
3 Fishery Management Council.

4
5 (dd) The creation of fisheries unit efforts or effort units or any other program that limits
6 access for licensed fishermen to fish other than the beginning and end dates of established seasons
7 as determined by the secretary in consultation with the commission or seasons set by the Gulf of
8 Mexico Fishery Management Council.

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12 **R.S. 56:48. Venue when offense committed in the Gulf of Mexico America**

13
14 If any offense under this Chapter is alleged to have been committed in the Gulf of Mexico
15 America within the waters of the state, any district court in any parish bordering on the gulf shall
16 have territorial jurisdiction. In addition, if any offense is alleged to have been committed in the
17 Gulf of Mexico America outside the state's territorial waters where the state holds jurisdictional
18 authority over the fishing vessel under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, 16 USC
19 U.S.C. 1856, any district court in any parish bordering on the gulf shall have territorial jurisdiction.

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22
23 **R.S. 56:72. Purpose of compact**

24
25 The contracting states solemnly agree: Whereas the gulf coast states have the proprietary
26 interest in and jurisdiction over fisheries in the waters within their respective boundaries, it is the
27 purpose of this compact to promote the better utilization of the fisheries--marine, shell, and
28 anadromous of the seaboard of the Gulf of Mexico America--by the development of a joint
29 program for the promotion and protection of such fisheries and the prevention of the physical waste
30 of the fisheries from any cause.

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34 **R.S. 56:136. Jurisdiction where offense committed in river between two parishes or in Gulf**
35 **of Mexico America**

36
37 A. If any offense is alleged to have been committed in a river dividing two parishes, any
38 court in either parish has territorial jurisdiction if otherwise competent as herein provided; if
39 committed in any lake, bay, inlet, or other body of water bound by more than one parish, any court
40 in any parish bordering on such waters has territorial jurisdiction if otherwise competent as herein
41 provided.

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43 B. If any offense is alleged to have been committed in the Gulf of Mexico America within
44 the waters of the state, any court in any parish bordering on the Gulf has territorial jurisdiction if
45 otherwise competent as provided herein.

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48
49 **R.S. 56:322. Seines or nets; size of mesh; classification as to salt or fresh water; crawfish**
50 **traps**

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54 B. The areas south of the above-described boundary line, plus the saltwater lakes known
55 as Lake Maurepas; Lake Pontchartrain; Lake St. Catherine; Chef Menteur Pass, except that seven-
56 tenths of a mile section from Bayou Sauvage south to the Intracoastal Waterway; the Rigolets;
57 Unknown Pass; Pass Manchac; and that portion of the Calcasieu Ship Channel from the
58 Intracoastal Waterway south to the Gulf of Mexico America, shall be designated as saltwater
59 areas.

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1 **R.S. 56:412. Issuance and renewal of domesticated aquatic organism license**

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3 A.(1) Every person desiring to engage in aquaculture shall first make application in writing
4 to the department requesting a domesticated aquatic organism license.
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7
8 (5) No person engaged in the business of aquaculture nor any other person may use public
9 bodies of water to propagate, raise, feed, or grow any species of fish with the exception of shellfish
10 native or endemic to Louisiana or the Northern Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America. The use of cages, pens,
11 and fenced-off portions of such water bodies for propagating, raising, or growing any species of
12 fish is prohibited without a valid Mariculture or Alternative Oyster Culture permit issued by the
13 department.
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17 **R.S. 56:431. Unlawful removal of oysters or signs from leased propagating grounds;**
18 **instructions to captain and crew of vessels; penalty**

19
20 A. No person shall knowingly or willfully take, carry away, or attempt to take or carry
21 away, without permission of the lessee, any oysters, shell, or cultch from the water bottoms of the
22 Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America or the lakes, bays, inlets, lagoons, rivers, bayous, or other waters
23 tributary thereto or connecting therewith, within the jurisdiction of the state where the bottoms are,
24 at the time of such taking, let or leased to any person under the laws of Louisiana, for the purpose
25 of bedding, planting, propagating, or cultivating oysters.
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28
29 **R.S. 56:491. Definitions**

30
31 For the purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning
32 ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly shows a different meaning:
33

34 (1)(a) "Saltwater shrimp" includes all species of shrimp of commercial or economic value
35 found in the coastal waters of the state and in the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America contiguous to the
36 Louisiana coast, including the white shrimp or "common saltwater shrimp" (*Litopenaeus setiferus*),
37 also called the "lake shrimp"; the brown shrimp (*Farfantepenaeus aztecus*); the pink shrimp
38 (*Farfantepenaeus duorarum*); the "sea bob" (*Xiphopenaeus kroyeri*), also called "six barbes"; and
39 any other shrimp or shrimplike species which may be taken from coastal waters or sold through
40 commercial channels.
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44 **R.S. 56:499.3. Butterfly and bottom nets; Oyster Bayou**

45
46 A. In the body of water known as Oyster Bayou, located between Atchafalaya Bay and
47 Terrebonne Bay, and extending one thousand feet outside of the points where Oyster Bayou
48 connects with Fourleague Bay and the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America, butterfly nets and bottom nets
49 may be used to take shrimp only when suspended from a fishing boat or vessel which is motor
50 propelled and underway.
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54 **R.S. 56:612. Control of station; rules and regulations; donations; acquisition of property**

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56 **A.** The department shall control the station and may:
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60 **B.** The secretary shall, in general, have all power and authority necessary to carry out the
61 purposes and objects of this Subpart, namely, investigating the flora and fauna of the Gulf of
62 ~~Mexico~~ America and the waters adjacent thereto.

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3 **R.S. 56:1751. Grand Isle beach area; cleaning; maintenance**
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5 A. Subject to an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars annually to be provided in the
6 general appropriation for the operations of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and
7 specifically designated for such purpose, the town of Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, shall be
8 responsible for the cleaning and continuous maintenance of that portion of Grand Isle beach within
9 Jefferson Parish, more particularly described as all that portion of the southern shore of Grand Isle
10 bounded on the west by Grand Isle State Park West, on the east by Grand Isle State Park East,
11 specifically excluding any portion of said shore included within Grand Isle State Park East and
12 Grand Isle State Park West, on the north by the existing and future portions of the hurricane
13 protection levee, and on the south by the waterline of the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America.
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17 **R.S. 56:1946. Highland Road; designation**
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19 The purpose of this Part is to designate the Highland Road in East Baton Rouge Parish as
20 an historic road and scenic parkway. It is the intention of the legislature to commemorate the area,
21 once known as the Dutch Highlands, through which runs the Highland Road, as an area settled
22 under Spanish rule, in what was then West Florida, by settlers of predominantly German ancestry,
23 beginning in 1785; being an area bounded on its southerly side by Bayou Fountain; being the first
24 high land along the Mississippi River north of the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ America, which was developed
25 as farm land and plantations; through which the winding, scenic Highland Road began over two
26 hundred years ago to connect the homes of the early settlers with each other, and to provide access
27 to the village of Baton Rouge; and along Highland Road there have endured to the present time
28 homes built late in the eighteenth century and early in the nineteenth century in the distinctive
29 Louisiana manner of cypress half-timbers and bousillage; and which has retained much of its
30 pastoral beauty and residential character.
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ACT 237

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HOUSE BILL NO. 64

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, BACALA, BAYHAM, BUTLER, CARRIER, CHENEVERT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FIRMENT, HORTON, JACOB LANDRY, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, THOMPSON, VILLIO, AND WILDER

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- NOTE § 3

1
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:265 and R.S. 49:21, relative to the legal representation of the
3 sovereign interests of the state by the attorney general; to provide for the
4 representation of the state, state agencies, state departments, state institutions, state
5 boards, state officials and employees, state agents, and local political subdivisions
6 in matters implicating state interests against intrusion by the federal government; to
7 provide for notice of claims by the federal government against state and local
8 government entities; to provide for submission and approval of proposed consent
9 judgments by the attorney general and the governor; to provide for application to
10 certain pending legal proceedings; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 42:265 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

13 §265. Special services by ~~Attorney General~~ attorney general

14 The governor may, in his discretion, require and direct the ~~Attorney General~~
15 attorney general to render any special services to any police jury or other parish
16 governing authority, parish school board, or state board or commission, in any matter
17 and when deemed necessary in the case of a state board or commission, to assume
18 full charge and control of all legal proceedings relating to such matter. Nothing in
19 this Section shall limit the authority of the attorney general, as he deems appropriate,
20 to render such special services.

21 ~~Section 2. R.S. 49:21 is hereby amended and reenacted as follows.~~

22 §21. Suits to prevent encroachment on state's rights

23 ~~Special counsel shall be employed to preserve and protect the powers~~
24 ~~reserved to the State of Louisiana by the tenth amendment to the Constitution of the~~

1 ~~United States, by means of the institution of suits in the name of the State of~~
2 ~~Louisiana to prevent any governmental agency, including corporations with~~
3 ~~corporate authority only as approved by the President of the United States,~~
4 ~~established by the Congress or by the President of the United States under the~~
5 ~~provisions of any law or resolution of the Congress of the United States, and any~~
6 ~~officer, agent, or employee thereof, from exercising in this State any power not~~
7 ~~delegated to the United States by the Constitution of the United States, but reserved~~
8 ~~by the Constitution of the United States to the State of Louisiana, or expending any~~
9 ~~public funds, appropriated or made available by the Congress, in the exercise or~~
10 ~~attempted exercise of that power.~~

11 A. In recognition of the state's right to self-determination, it is a declared
12 interest of the state that the attorney general preserve and defend the state's
13 autonomy, independence, and sovereignty in all legal matters and disputes involving
14 the federal government and preserve for the state any power not expressly delegated
15 to the federal government.

16 B. The state's sovereign interests refer to any matter, concern, or situation
17 that directly or indirectly affects the status or rights of the state and its citizens and
18 local political subdivisions, whether legal, financial, social welfare, or other interest
19 that pertains to the sovereign power, identity, and autonomy of state government.

20 C. To that end, the attorney general shall have the authority to institute,
21 defend, or intervene in any suit to protect the sovereign interests of the state in any
22 matter involving the federal government, including but not limited to any matter
23 brought in the federal courts.

24 D. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary and in addition to any other
25 powers, duties, or authority granted to the attorney general and the Department of
26 Justice by the constitution and laws of the state, the attorney general may, at his
27 discretion, represent the state and all departments and agencies of state government,
28 state boards and commissions, state officials and employees, and any other state
29 institution, as well as any local political subdivisions created by the Constitution of
30 Louisiana or state law, including but not limited to school boards and charters.

1 whether in his name or through special counsel retained for that purpose in order to
2 preserve, protect, and defend the interests of the state.

3 E. Whenever the state, state department, state agency, state board or
4 commission, state official or employee, any other state institution, or a local political
5 subdivision created by the Constitution of Louisiana or state law, including but not
6 limited to school boards and charters, receives a notice, claim, or demand made by
7 a federal agency, agent, or official of the federal government or any notice, claim,
8 or demand made by any party in litigation which seeks to impose continuing federal
9 court jurisdiction over any state department, agency, board, commission, official,
10 employee, any other state institution, or any local political subdivision created by the
11 Constitution of Louisiana or state law, such entity or political subdivision shall
12 immediately notify the governor and the attorney general by providing a copy of
13 such notice, claim, or demand. Such notice shall be provided within thirty days of
14 receipt of the notice, claim, or demand. The entity shall also notify all parties and
15 the court of the statutory right created in this Section of the attorney general to
16 intervene and shall seek a sixty-day stay of the litigation to provide notice and
17 provide the attorney general time to intervene.

18 F. Neither the state of Louisiana nor any department, agency, board,
19 commission, institution, or local political subdivision created by the Constitution of
20 Louisiana or state law, including but not limited to school boards and charters, or any
21 official or employee thereof in his official capacity may enter into a judgment by
22 consent in federal court without the approval of the attorney general and the
23 governor when the proposed judgment creates, establishes, or imposes injunctive
24 relief, enforceable through continuing oversight by the federal court, with future
25 binding conditions or obligations that exceed sixty days to effect the settlement. This
26 Subsection shall not require consent by the attorney general or the governor if the
27 agreement settles litigation without creating future obligations requiring continuing
28 federal judicial oversight. Any agreement that contains an obligation that exceeds the
29 consenting party's term of office, as a matter of public policy of this state, shall be

considered unenforceable against the governmental entity or successor official and an ultra vires act.


✓ [Acts 2025, No. 237]

Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall apply to any pending consent decree or any judgment that imposes continuing jurisdiction of any court over the state or any state department, board, commission, or other institution, or any local political subdivision created by the Louisiana Constitution or state law, including but not limited to school boards and charters, or any public official or employee thereof. The provisions of this Act shall apply to any pending consent decree or any judgment that imposes continuing jurisdiction over the state, state board, commission, or political subdivision, or any public official thereof.

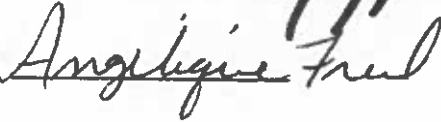
(NOTE: ALL PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT)

Section 4. The provisions of this Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 686 (Substitute for House Bill No. 511 by Representative Owen)

BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, DICKERSON,
EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, HORTON, SCHAMERHORN, SPELL, THOMPSON,
VENTRELLA, AND WILDER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:57(3) and to enact R.S. 24:51(9), 53(K), 53.1, and 53.2, R.S.
33:9664(H), and R.S. 49:74(I), relative to lobbying on behalf of foreign adversaries;
to provide for the definition of a foreign adversary; to provide for additional
lobbying disclosure requirements for a foreign adversary; to provide for penalties;
to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an electronic database
administered by the board of ethics; to provide relative to lobbying on behalf of
designated foreign corporations; to provide for data sharing and public access of
records; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 24:57(3) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 24:51(9), 53(K),
53.1, and 53.2 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§51. Definitions

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When used in this Part:

(1)-(2) = (1)-(2)

(3)-(6) → (4)-(7)

(7) → (9) (3)(a)

(8) = (8)

(9) → (3)

"Foreign adversary" means

an individual, corporation, or government identified as a foreign
adversary in 15 CFR Part 791.4, as revised, and identified in the database
maintained by the United States Department of the Treasury, office of foreign assets
control.

(b) "Foreign adversary" shall not include any entity that is the subject of, or
covered by, a qualified divestiture pursuant to the Protecting Americans from
Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act.

1 D. The board may send to and receive data from government officials in
 2 other states in order to increase the transparency and registration compliance of
 3 agents of foreign adversaries that operate in multiple states.

4 E. The board may promulgate rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedure
 5 Act as necessary to carry out the provisions of this Section.

6 F. Any change in information previously submitted in a disclosure pursuant
 7 to this Section shall be reported to the board through a supplemental disclosure
 8 within ten days following the change.

9 §53.2 Designated foreign corporations; disclosure

10 A. Any person who lobbies on behalf of a foreign corporation or any entity
 11 whose headquarters or principal place of business is located in a nation or country
 12 identified in 15 CFR Part 791.4, as revised from time to time, shall disclose at a
 13 minimum, the following information:

14 (1) The name of the foreign corporation represented by the person.

15 (2) The nation under whose laws the corporation is incorporated or organized.

16 (3) Where the corporation has its principal place of business.

17 (4) Where the corporation is primarily located if not in the United States

18 which shall include the permanent mailing office address of the foreign corporation.

19 (5) A description of the business activity of the foreign corporation
 20 represented by the person.

21 (6) An identification of the matters on which the person expects to conduct
 22 lobbying business on behalf of the foreign corporation.

23 B. The Board of Ethics shall post on its website on the internet a list of all
 24 persons who have failed to file or failed to timely file a disclosure pursuant to this
 25 Section.

26 C. The board shall provide information about disclosures filed pursuant to
 27 this Section through a web portal maintained on the board's website. The portal shall
 28 contain the information about the registrant and the registrant's activities within the
 29 state. The board shall publish each disclosure filed pursuant to this Section on the
 30 board's website.

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D. The board may send to and receive data from government officials in other states in order to increase the transparency and registration compliance of lobbyists of foreign corporations that operate in multiple states.

E. The board may promulgate rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act as necessary to carry out the provisions of this Section.

F. Any change in information previously submitted in a disclosure pursuant to this Section shall be reported to the board through a supplemental disclosure within ten days following the change.

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§57. Administration

The board, in performance of its duties under this Part, shall:

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(3)(a) Establish and maintain access to a searchable electronic database available to the public via the Internet.

(b) The database shall contain the reports, registration, and other information required to be filed pursuant to this Part.

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~~Section 2. R.S. 33:9664(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:~~

§9664. Registration of lobbyists with the ethics board; compilation of information

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H. Any person who registers pursuant to this Chapter and who engages in lobbying on behalf of a foreign adversary as defined in R.S. 24:51 shall also register as provided in R.S. 24:53.1.

~~Section 3. R.S. 49:74(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:~~

§74. Registration of lobbyists with the ethics board; compilation of information

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I. Any person who registers pursuant to this Part and who engages in lobbying on behalf of a foreign adversary as defined in R.S. 24:51 shall also register as provided in R.S. 24:53.1.

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Section 4. Any person who is engaged in lobbying on behalf of a foreign adversary on the effective date of this Act shall file a disclosure pursuant to this Act no later than thirty days following the effective date of this Act.

✓ [ACTS 2025, No. 394, eff. 12/1/2025]

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Section 5. This Act shall become effective on December 1, 2025.

NOTE ALL PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT

PHILIP R. DUNN
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JOHN H. HARRIS
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ALBERTA J. KING
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: [Signature]
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SENATE BILL NO. 66

BY SENATORS FOIL, BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CLOUD, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, FESI, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, PRESSLY, PRICE, SELDERS AND STINE AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BUTLER, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, EGAN, FIRMENT, FISHER, ILLG, MCCORMICK, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, STAGNI, THOMPSON, WILDER, WILEY AND WYBLE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:111(A)(1) and (B), R.S. 23:332(A)(1) and (2), (B), (C)(1) and (2), (D), (E), (F), and (H)(1) and (4), R.S. 49:145 and 146(A)(1), R.S. 51:2602(A), 2603(10) through (13), 2606(A)(1) through (5), 2607(A) and (C) and 2608 and to enact R.S. 23:322(10) and R.S. 51:2603(14), relative to discrimination based on military status; to prohibit discrimination in public schools; to prohibit discrimination in employment; to prohibit discrimination in public buildings; to prohibit discrimination in facilities to which the public is invited; to prohibit discrimination in the sale or rental of housing; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:111(A)(1) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§111. Discrimination in public schools prohibited; pupil assignment; religious educational institutions

A.(1) No person shall be refused admission into or be excluded from any public school in the state of Louisiana on account of race, creed, color, disability, as

1 Section 3. R.S. 49:145 and 146(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
2 follows:

3 §145. Use of public buildings; discrimination

4 No person shall be denied access to any public meeting in any public building
5 or facility used or owned by the state or any political subdivision of the state because
6 of race, color, creed, military status, or physical or mental disability. For purposes
7 of this Section, a public meeting is a meeting which is advertised as being open to
8 the general public.

9 §146. Facilities to which public invited; discrimination

10 A.(1) In access to public areas, public accommodations, and public facilities,
11 every person shall be free from discrimination based on race, religion, or national
12 ancestry and from arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable discrimination based on age,
13 sex, military status, or physical or mental disability.

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15 Section 4.R.S. 51:2602(A), 2603(10) through (13), 2606(A)(1) through (5), 2607(A)
16 and (C) and 2608 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 51:2603(14) is hereby enacted
17 to read as follows:

18 §2602. Policy

19 A. The legislature finds and declares that persons in this state who seek a
20 place to live should be able to find such housing whenever it is available. Further,
21 in many localities there may be housing shortages. All persons should therefore be
22 able to compete for available housing on an open, fair, and equitable basis, regardless
23 of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, national origin, military
24 status, or natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle.

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26 §2603. Definitions

27 As used in this Chapter:

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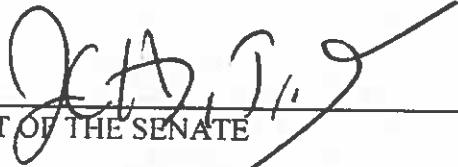
29 (10) "Military status" means status as:

30 (a) A member of the uniformed forces, as defined in 10 U.S.C. §

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§2608. Discrimination in provision of brokerage services

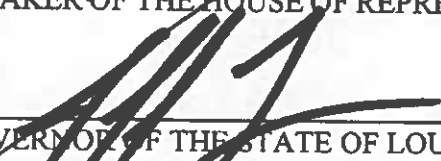
It is unlawful to deny any person access to or membership or participation in any multiple-listing service, real estate brokers' organization or other service, organization, or facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings, or to discriminate against him in the terms or conditions of such access, membership, or participation, on account of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, national origin, military status, or natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle.



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 273

BY REPRESENTATIVES SPELL, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BRAUD, BRYANT, CARRIER, CARVER, CHASSION, COATES, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, EGAN, EMERSON, FISHER, FREIBERG, HEBERT, ILLG, JACKSON, KERNER, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, MCMAKIN, MOORE, ORGERON, RISER, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS, WILDER, AND WYBLE

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AN ACT


To enact R.S. 49:170.25, relative to state symbols; to provide that the "Cajun Night Before Christmas" is the official state children's Christmas book; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

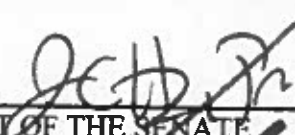
Section 1. R.S. 49:170.25 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§170.25. State children's Christmas book

There shall be an official state children's Christmas book. The official state children's Christmas book shall be "Cajun Night Before Christmas", a literary composition written by J.B. Kling, Jr. and illustrated by James Rice.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



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HOUSE BILL NO. 624

BY REPRESENTATIVES BERAULT, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BILLINGS, BOYER, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, HORTON, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, KERNER, MANDIE LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MACK, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE AND SENATORS BASS, CARTER, CATHEY, EDMONDS, JENKINS, MCMATH, MIZELL, MYERS, OWEN, PRESSLY, WHEAT, AND WOMACK

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To amend and reenact R.S. ~~11:780(C)(3)(a)(i)~~, R.S. ~~14:68.2.1(A)~~ and ~~74(D)(2)~~, R.S. ~~15:933.1~~, R.S. ~~17:14.1(B)(1)~~ and ~~(C)(5)~~, ~~3047.6(A)~~, and ~~3914(M)(1)~~, the heading of Chapter 1 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. ~~23:1~~, 2, 3, 6(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), (3), (7), and (15), 7, 12, 14, 17, 73(A)(1)(introductory paragraph), (a) through (c), and (d)(introductory paragraph) and (ii), (C), and (E)(2), 74, ~~75(A)~~, (B), (C)(1), (D)(3)(a) and (b), and (E), 76(A), (B), and (C)(1), (2), and (8)(a), 78(introductory paragraph), (1), and (5), 1600(2) and (3)(a), 1693(I)(1)(introductory paragraph), (a), and (b)(introductory paragraph), (i), and (ii), (2), and (3) and (J), R.S. ~~36:3(3)~~, 4(A)(introductory paragraph) and (6), the heading of Chapter 7 of Title 36 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 301, 308(A) and (B), and 309 (A)(introductory paragraph), (B)(introductory paragraph), (C)(introductory paragraph), (D), and (E)(introductory paragraph), R.S. ~~46:1(2)~~, (4), and (6), 18(A), 52.1(A) and (B)(1)(introductory paragraph), (2), and (3), 54, 56(A) and (B)(1), 59, 60, 107(A)(1), 114(A), (B), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2), (D), and (E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (3), 114.1, 114.2, 114.3(A) and (B), 114.4(D) and (E), 116, 230.1(A) and (B), 231(11) and (24), 231.4(A) and (D), 234, the heading of Subpart E-4 of Part II of Chapter 3 and 236, 237(A), (E), (F), and (G), 301(A)(1) and (2), 321(2) through (5), 322(2) through

1 (6), 323(introductory paragraph), (3), and (4), 324(A), (B), (C), (D), and
 2 (E)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (2)(introductory paragraph), 325(introductory
 3 paragraph), 326 through 328, 331(A)(1) through (3), 332, 352(1)(a) and (b) ~~and~~
 4 ~~(2)(a)~~, 431, 433(A), 434, 441, 443, 444, 447, 450.1(A), (B)(4) and (5), and (C)(1)
 5 and (2), 460.1, 460.4(A), 460.5(A), 460.7(A) and (C), 460.8(A)(1) and (B), 460.10,
 6 932(12), and 936, and R.S. 49:191(1)(f) and 1402(1)(d), to enact R.S. 36:309(F) and
 7 R.S. 46:107(E), and to repeal R.S. 23:18 and 34, R.S. 36:308(E), R.S. 46:52.1(C)
 8 through (F), 55, 102, 103, 112, 230.1(C), and 231.14(G)(B), and R.S. 49:1402(1)(a),
 9 relative to the reorganization and restructure of the Louisiana Workforce
 10 Commission and the Department of Children and Family Services; to provide for
 11 certain family and support programs in the Department of Children and Family
 12 Services (DCFS) being transferred to the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC)
 13 and the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH); to replace the Department of
 14 Children and Family Services with Louisiana Works or LDH in certain provisions
 15 in Titles 11, 14, 15, 23, and 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 that
 16 reference DCFS programs that will be transferred to Louisiana Works or LDH; to
 17 change the name of the Louisiana Workforce Commission to Louisiana Works; to
 18 establish the purpose of Louisiana Works; to establish additional duties and powers
 19 of Louisiana Works; to provide for the powers and duties of the secretary of
 20 Louisiana Works; to provide definitions; to provide for integrated case management
 21 and service integration of social service and workforce programs; development
 22 programs; to provide for grants to local workforce development areas; to provide for
 23 SNAP Nutrition Education; to provide for the SNAP Workforce Training and
 24 Education Program; to provide for duties of LDH in regards to administering SNAP;
 25 to provide for SNAP work requirements; to provide for aid to needy families, such
 26 as the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and subsidiary programs
 27 within TANF, such as the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program
 28 (FITAP), the Kinship Care Subsidy Program, and other educational, employment,
 29 training, and related services programs; to provide for the submission of certain
 30 federal quarterly reports to the legislature; to provide for the Incentive Award

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1 Program; to provide for the administration of public assistance benefits payable to
 2 mentally incapable individuals; to add certain functions to the office of workforce
 3 development; to transfer certain powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities
 4 relating to certain programs within the office of family support of DCFS into
 5 Louisiana Works and LDH; to make technical corrections; to authorize the Louisiana
 6 State Law Institute to make certain requested changes to references concerning
 7 LWC; to authorize the office of state register to make all necessary changes for
 8 applicable references to DCFS and Louisiana Works or LDH; to provide for the
 9 transfer of monies related to the transferred programs from DCFS to Louisiana
 10 Works and LDH; to provide for the monies held in the state treasury for the Fraud
 11 Detection Fund to be transferred to LDH; to provide for the continuity of programs
 12 and contracts transferred from DCFS to Louisiana Works and LDH; to provide for
 13 effective dates; and to provide for related matters.

14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

15 Section 1. R.S. 11:780(C)(3)(a)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
 16 follows:

17 §780. Reexamination of disability retirees; modification of benefits; restoration to
 18 active service

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20 C.

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22 (3)(a) If, pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection, the board of trustees
 23 reduces the pension of any disability retiree of this system who retired pursuant to
 24 a reciprocal agreement between this system and any other state or statewide public
 25 retirement system, the reduction shall be subject to Subparagraph (b) of this
 26 Paragraph, provided the retiree satisfies all of the following provisions of this
 27 Subparagraph:

28 (i) The vocational rehabilitation program within ~~the Department of Children~~
 29 ~~and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works furnishes the retiree with durable medical

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Section 15. R.S. 49:191(1)(f) and 1402(1)(d) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§191. Termination of legislative authority for existence of statutory entities; phase-out period for statutory entities; table of dates

Notwithstanding any termination dates set by any previous Act of the legislature, the statutory entities set forth in this Section shall begin to terminate their operations on July first of each of the following years, and all legislative authority for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

(1) July 1, 2026:

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(f) ~~The Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works and all statutory entities made a part of the department by law.

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§1402. Definition of terms

As used in this Chapter, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section unless otherwise clearly indicated by context:

(1) "Agency" means any of the following state departments:

* * *

(d) ~~Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works.

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Section 16. R.S. 23:18 and 34 and R.S. 36:308(E) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 17. R.S. 46:52.1(C) through (F), 55, 102, 103, 112, 230.1(C), and 231.14(G)(3) and R.S. 49:1402(1)(a) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 18. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and requested to change all references in the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 to the Louisiana Workforce Commission, whether referred to as the "Louisiana Workforce Commission" or "commission", to "Louisiana Works" or "department" where appropriate. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby further authorized and requested to change all references to the

[NOTE: ALL PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT: SEPARATE DOCUMENT FORTHCOMING]

1 executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, whether referred to as
2 "executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission", "executive director of the
3 commission", "executive of the department", or "executive director", to "secretary".

4 Section 19. The administrative rules contained in the Louisiana Administrative Code
5 promulgated by the Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department,
6 which govern or are applicable to the programs and operations transferred from the
7 Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department, to Louisiana Works
8 by this Act shall continue to be effective, and the office of state register shall change all
9 applicable references to the Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor
10 department, to Louisiana Works and redesignate and renumber, as needed, all applicable
11 provisions as are necessary to maintain continuity in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

12 Section 20. All monies held in the state treasury for the Fraud Detection Fund on
13 the effective date of this Section, shall upon that date, be transferred to the Louisiana
14 Department of Health.

15 Section 21.(A) All Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor
16 department, contracts related to the operation and administration of the programs and
17 activities transferred to Louisiana Works by this Act shall be deemed to have been
18 transferred and assigned to Louisiana Works upon the effective date of this Section without
19 the necessity of contractual amendment, and Louisiana Works shall be solely responsible for
20 all related obligations and liabilities arising on or after that effective date.

21 (B) In order to ensure continuity of services during the transition period, any pending
22 or unfinished business of the programs being transferred over shall be taken over and
23 completed by Louisiana Works with the same power and authorization as that of the
24 Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department.

25 (C)(1) All employees engaged in the performance of duties relating to the functions
26 of the programs and services transferred from the Department of Children and Family
27 Services, or a successor department, to Louisiana Works are hereby transferred to Louisiana
28 Works to carry out the functions of Louisiana Works and its programs and services and shall
29 continue to perform their duties, subject to applicable state civil service laws, rules, and
30 regulations. Subject to such laws, positions in the unclassified service shall remain in the

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1 unclassified service. Upon the transfer of employees to a board, such employees shall
2 immediately have the ability to payroll deduct or direct deposit their payroll earnings in
3 favor of any credit union of which they were members prior to the transfer.

4 (2) The Department of State Civil Service shall assist the Department of Children
5 and Family Services, or a successor department, and Louisiana Works in all human resource
6 activities deemed necessary to make such a transfer. All human resource activities shall
7 include but are not limited to the transfer of personnel files and other related confidential
8 documents, position descriptions, retirement benefits, and related benefits, including but not
9 limited to those offered by the Office of Group Benefits.

10 (D) In order to ensure continuity of services, Louisiana Works shall provide
11 adequate funding from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program to
12 the Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department, to run the child
13 protection and child welfare services as set forth in an interagency agreement. The amount
14 and schedule of funding transfers shall be determined based on the agreement between the
15 secretaries of Louisiana Works and the Department of Children and Family Services, or a
16 successor department. Both departments agree to work collaboratively to ensure that
17 adequate financial resources are provided annually. In the event that the secretaries are
18 unable to reach an agreement regarding the funding provisions, either department may
19 request a resolution by the commissioner of administration. The commissioner shall
20 convene a meeting between the secretaries and make a final determination on the proposed
21 allocation of funding to be included in the annual proposed operating budget.

22 Section 22.(A) The provisions of R.S. 23:73(E)(2) as amended and reenacted in
23 Section 8 of this Act shall supersede the provisions of R.S. 23:73(E)(2) as amended and
24 reenacted in Section 1 of Act No. 384 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature when
25 Section 1 of Act No. 384 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature becomes effective.

26 (B) The provisions of R.S. 46:936 as amended and reenacted in Section 14 of this Act
27 shall supersede the provisions of R.S. 46:936 as amended and reenacted in Section 5 of Act
28 No. 384 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature when Section 5 of Act No. 384 of
29 the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature becomes effective.

NOTE: RS 23:73(E)(2)
NOTE: RS 46:936

1 Section 23.(A) The workforce development programs administered by the
 2 Department of Children and Family Services shall be administered by Louisiana Works, or
 3 its successors. The workforce program includes those consolidated under Skills Employment
 4 and Training, or "SET for Success", or successor programs, the Child Support Enforcement
 5 Employment and Training Program, or a successor program, and the Strategies to Empower
 6 People (STEP) Program, or a successor program.

7 (B) All employees of the Department of Children and Family Services, or a
 8 successor department, whose duties involve the administration or implementation of the
 9 programs provided for in Subsection A of this Section shall be transferred to Louisiana
 10 Works, or its successors, in accordance with applicable civil service laws and regulations.

11 (C) The Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department,
 12 and Louisiana Works, or its successors, shall execute an interagency agreement to ensure the
 13 continued funding of these programs in a manner consistent with each program's current
 14 funding sources and mechanisms. The agreement shall provide for the allocation of
 15 resources, personnel, and administrative support necessary to maintain uninterrupted
 16 program operations. Louisiana Works, or its successors, shall provide a monthly report and
 17 invoice to the Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department,
 18 which shall be paid within thirty days of receipt, and provided in a format prescribed by the
 19 Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department, for an interagency
 20 transfer of funding to Louisiana Works, or its successors.

21 (D) The secretaries of the Department of Children and Family Services, or a
 22 successor department, and Louisiana Works, or its successor, or their respective designees,
 23 shall take all actions necessary to implement the provisions of this Section, including
 24 transferring and assigning contracts and promulgating rules and regulations in accordance
 25 with the Administrative Procedure Act.

26 Section 24.(A) The Disability Determination Services (DDS) program administered
 27 by the Department of Children and Family Services shall be transferred to and administered
 28 by the Louisiana Department of Health, or its successors.

29 (B) All employees of the Department of Children and Family Services, or a
 30 successor department, whose duties involve the administration or implementation of the
 31 DDS program shall be transferred to the Louisiana Department of Health, or its successors,
 32 in accordance with applicable civil service laws and regulations.

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1 (C) Upon transfer, the Louisiana Department of Health, or its successors, shall be
2 the direct recipient of all federal funding for the DDS program from the Social Security
3 Administration.

4 Section 25. To further improve the financial situation of the state and to more
5 efficiently and effectively provide services to the citizens of this state, Louisiana Works shall
6 reduce at least forty employees from its July 1, 2024, employee count through natural
7 attrition no later than July 1, 2027.

8 Section 26.(A) The administrative rules contained in the Louisiana Administrative
9 Code promulgated by the Department of Children and Family Services which govern or are
10 applicable to the programs and operations transferred from the Department of Children and
11 Family Services to the Louisiana Department of Health by this Act ^{Acts 2025, No. 47} shall continue to be
12 effective, and the office of state register shall change all applicable references to the
13 Department of Children and Family Services to the Louisiana Department of Health and
14 redesignate and renumber, as needed, all applicable provisions as are necessary to maintain
15 continuity in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

16 (B) All Department of Children and Family Services contracts related to the
17 operation and administration of the programs and activities transferred to the Louisiana
18 Department of Health by this Act shall be deemed to have been transferred and assigned to
19 the Louisiana Department of Health upon the effective date of this Section without the
20 necessity of contractual amendment, and the Louisiana Department of Health shall be solely
21 responsible for all related obligations and liabilities arising on or after that effective date.

22 (C) In order to ensure continuity of services during the transition period, any pending
23 or unfinished business of the programs being transferred over shall be taken over and
24 completed by the Louisiana Department of Health with the same power and authorization
25 as that of the Department of Children and Family Services.

26 (D)(1) All employees engaged in the performance of duties relating to the functions
27 of the programs and services transferred from the Department of Children and Family
28 Services to the Louisiana Department of Health are hereby transferred to the Louisiana
29 Department of Health to carry out the functions of the Louisiana Department of Health and
30 its programs and services and shall continue to perform their duties, subject to applicable
31 state civil service laws, rules, and regulations. Subject to such laws, positions in the

1 unclassified service shall remain in the unclassified service. Upon the transfer of employees
2 to the Louisiana Department of Health, such employees shall immediately have the ability
3 to payroll deduct or direct deposit their payroll earnings in favor of any credit union of which
4 they were members prior to the transfer.

5 (2) The Department of State Civil Service shall assist the Department of Children and
6 Family Services and the Louisiana Department of Health in all human resource activities
7 deemed necessary to make such a transfer. All human resource activities shall include, but
8 are not limited to the transfer of personnel files and other related confidential documents,
9 position descriptions, retirement benefits, and related benefits, including but not limited to
10 those offered by the Office of Group Benefits.

11 (E) The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to make
12 necessary adjustments to appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to conform with the
13 provisions of this Act. Adjustments shall be through the notification of appropriation
14 process or through approval of mid-year adjustments.

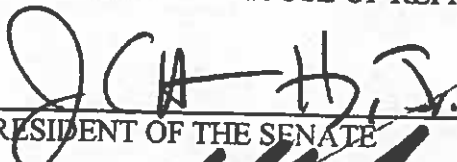
15 Section 27.(A) Sections 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, and 23 through 26 of
16 this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.

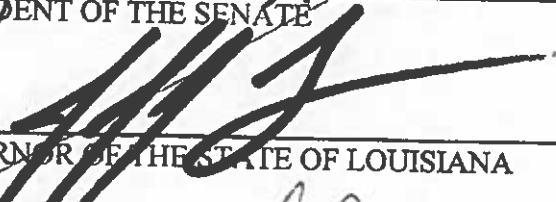
17 (B) The provisions of Sections 8, 14, and 22 of this Act shall become effective when
18 Act No. 384 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature becomes effective.

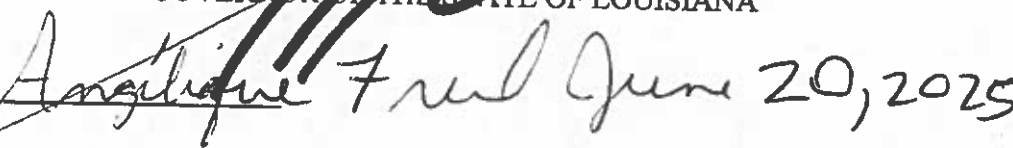
19 (C) Sections 3, 5, 11, 13, 17, 19, and 21 of this Act shall become effective October
20 1, 2027.

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IN §§ 8, 14, & 22


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  June 20, 2025

ACT 276

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 428

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE AND ROMERO

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(1)(o) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(4)(a), relative to the Department of Transportation and Development, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Transportation and Development and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Pursuant to R.S. 49:193, the Department of Transportation and Development and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law shall be re-created effective June 30, 2025, and all statutory authority therefor is continued in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Section 2. All statutory authority for the existence of the Department of Transportation and Development and the statutory entities made a part of the department as re-created by Section 1 of this Act shall cease as of July 1, 2027, pursuant to R.S. 49:191. However, the Department of Transportation and Development may be re-created prior to such date in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Section 3. The provisions of R.S. 49:193 are hereby superseded to the extent that those provisions are in conflict with the provisions of this Act.

Section 4. R.S. 49:191(1)(o) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

[NOTE: R.S. 49:191(1)(o) & (4)(a)]

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§191. Termination of legislative authority for existence of statutory entities; phase-out period for statutory entities; table of dates

Notwithstanding any termination dates set by any previous Act of the legislature, the statutory entities set forth in this Section shall begin to terminate their operations on July first of each of the following years, and all legislative authority for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

(1) July 1, 2026:


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(o) The Department of Transportation and Development and all statutory entities made a part of the department by law.

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Section 5. R.S. 49:191(4)(a) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 6. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2025; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on June 30, 2025, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  June 11, 2025

ACT 418

2025 Regular Session

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SENATE BILL NO. 97

BY SENATORS PRESSLY, BASS, CATHEY, HENRY, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS AND MORRIS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2(A)(2) and (3), 5.1, 6, 32(B)(3), 84(A) and (B), 111, 112, 214(C) and the introductory paragraph of R.S. 49:214.6.6(A) and (C), 220.41(D), 220.42(B)(5) and (7) and to enact R.S. 38:90.2(D), 214(D), and Chapter 11-A of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 38:2351 through 2361, and R.S. 49:214.6.3(A)(5), 214.6.6(A)(5), 220.42(B)(9) and (10), relative to flood control, risk reduction, navigation, and water resource management; to provide for the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for the office of public works; to create the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority; to provide for purpose and intent; to provide for the development and implementation of an integrated plan for the upland area; to provide for definitions; to create the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority Board; to provide for members, powers, duties, and functions of the board; to provide for master and annual plans; to provide for public meetings and notices; to provide for legislative approval; to provide for the executive director; to provide for infrastructure programs; to provide for exclusions, exemptions, terms, and conditions; to provide for appeals; to provide for emergencies; to provide for the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; to provide for the chief resilience officer; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 38:2(A)(2) and (3), 5.1, 6, 32(B)(3), 84(A) and (B), 111, 112, 214(C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 38:90.2(D), 214(D), and Chapter 11-A of Title

1 of applications for their respective projects. Information to be provided in the
2 application shall include but not be limited to the following:

3 (1) Demonstration of need for the project and benefits of the project.

4 (2) Preliminary project design and cost estimate.

5 (3) Description of project area including the geographical area affected,
6 and land ownership information.

7 (4) Description of how the project is consistent with the priorities of the
8 master plan and how the project will address mitigation issues.

9 B. Project applications shall not be subjected to formal review and
10 evaluation until the information required in the application has been submitted
11 or is determined to be unavailable.

12 C. The applications submitted by agencies shall be evaluated by the
13 board which shall hold no less than three public hearings in separate locations
14 within the upland area for the purpose of receiving public testimony and
15 comment from requesting authorities and citizens regarding the proposed
16 infrastructure projects. Such hearings may be held at the same time and
17 location as hearings set for public comment on the annual plan. The authority
18 shall prioritize and rank such applications. The authority shall provide its
19 application evaluations to the board.

20 D. Based upon the evaluations of the authority, the board may compile
21 a list of infrastructure projects to be formally included in the annual plan.

22 §2361. Emergency projects

23 A. Notwithstanding any provision of this Chapter, in the event of a
24 declared emergency under R.S. 29:721 et seq., a project within the jurisdiction
25 of the authority may proceed immediately upon written certification by the
26 governor that the project is necessary to preserve public health, safety, critical
27 military infrastructure, or essential federal navigation or flood control interests.

28 B. Projects authorized under this Section shall be submitted for
29 ratification in the next annual plan but may proceed prior to such approval.

30 Section 2. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 49:214.6.6(A) and (C), 220.41(D),

1 220.42(B)(5) and (7) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 49:214.6.3(A)(5),
2 214.6.6(A)(5), 220.42(B)(9) and (10) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

3 §214.6.3. Functions and responsibilities; hurricane protection and flood control

4 A. Legislative intent

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6 (5) This Section provides for the functions, powers, and responsibilities
7 of the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and
8 Transportation Authority, which authority is charged with oversight of the
9 design, construction, extension, improvement, repair, and regulation of flood
10 control and infrastructure projects in the upland area, as defined in R.S.
11 38:2352. This Section also provides for the integration of the state's hurricane
12 protection and flood control efforts with coastal restoration efforts and upland
13 flood protection and infrastructure projects through coordination between the
14 Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and Coordinated Use of
15 Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority.

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17 §214.6.6. Infrastructure priority program; applications; evaluations

18 A. Applications for funding of any infrastructure project may be submitted
19 by any political subdivision of the state. For statewide flood mitigation projects,
20 applications shall be made jointly to both the Coastal Protection and
21 Restoration Authority and Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation,
22 Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority boards by November first
23 of each year for consideration of funding in the following fiscal year. For any
24 infrastructure projects, applications shall be made to the Coastal Protection and
25 Restoration Authority Board by November first of each year for consideration of
26 funding in the following fiscal year. Applications submitted in accordance with the
27 provisions of this Section shall not be subject to the provisions of R.S. 39:101.
28 Agencies submitting applications for projects in this program shall be responsible for
29 preparation of applications for their respective projects. Information to be provided
30 in the application shall include but not be limited to the following:

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(5) For statewide flood mitigation projects, a description of how the project is consistent with the priorities of both the coastal and upland master plans and how the project will address mitigation issues.

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C. The applications submitted by agencies shall be evaluated by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board which shall hold no less than three public hearings in separate locations within the coastal area for the purpose of receiving public testimony and comment from requesting authorities and citizens regarding the proposed infrastructure projects. Such hearings may be held at the same time and location as hearings set for public comment on the annual plan. The authority shall prioritize and rank such applications. The authority shall provide its application evaluations to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

For statewide flood mitigation projects, the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority Board shall perform the same functions in the upland area as defined by R.S. 38:2352.

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§220.41. Chief resilience officer; purpose; definition

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D. For purposes of this Section, "resilience" shall mean a capability to anticipate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from significant multi-hazard threats with minimal damage to social well-being, the economy, infrastructure, and the environment, including flood risk management.

§220.42. Functions and duties

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B. The chief resilience officer, subject to the approval of the governor, shall:

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(5) Coordinate and focus federal involvement in Louisiana with respect to resilience and risk mitigation, including flood risk mitigation.

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(7) Assist with the state's planning efforts including the Coastal Master Plan, the Upland Master Plan, the State Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the Statewide Watershed Management Plan to ensure the incorporation and alignment of the state's resilience goals and objectives into a unified, proactive, pre-disaster approach to adaptation and long-term resilience.

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(9) Coordinate with state and local officials, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, and the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority to pursue statewide strategy for the National Flood Insurance Program.

(10) Coordinate statewide policy and planning with respect to flood control.

Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall be subject to appropriation of funds by the legislature.

(Acts 2025, No. 418)

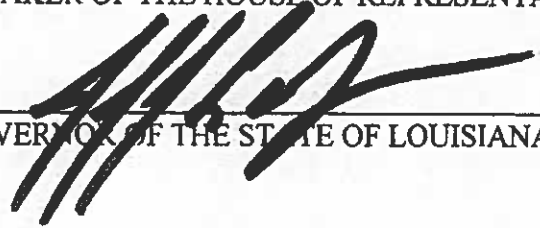
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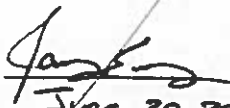
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ACT 458

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SENATE BILL NO. 244 (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 193 by Senator Hensgens)

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

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AN ACT

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To amend and reenact R.S. 30.1 (section heading), (A), (B), and (C), the introductory paragraph of 3, 3(3), (6), (7), (9), and (18), 4(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(1)(a)(v) and (b), (14), (16)(b), (17)(b), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(1), (2), (3), and (5), (E), (F), (G), (H), introductory paragraph of (I), (I)(1), (3), (4), (5), (9), and (11), (K), introductory paragraph of (L)(1), introductory paragraph of (M), (M)(3), (6)(b), (O)(1) and (2), (P), (Q), introductory paragraph of (R), and (T), introductory paragraph of 4.1(B), (C), (D), (E), (F)(1), (I), and (K), 4.2, 4.3, 5(A), (B), (C)(1), introductory paragraph of (2), (2)(d), (4), and (6), and (D)(1) and the introductory paragraph of (2), 5.1(A)(1), (2), introductory paragraph of (3), (3)(e), (5), (6), (7), (8), and (9), (B)(1), (2), and introductory paragraph of (3), (5), (7), (9), (10), (12), and (13), 5.2(A), (B), the introductory paragraph of (C), (E), (F), (G), and (H), 6, 6.1(A), (B), (C), (D)(1), and (F), 8(A)(1), (2), (3), and (4), and (B), introductory paragraph of 9(A), (B), (C), and (D), the introductory paragraph of 10(A), the introductory paragraph of (A)(1), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2)(a)(i), (b)(ii)(ii), introductory paragraph of (vi), (vi)(bb), (c), (d), and (f), and (3), (B), and (C)(7), 10.1(B)(1), (3), (4), and (5), 11.1, 12(A), (B)(1), (2), (3), (4), introductory paragraph of (5), and (5)(f), and (C), 13, 14, 15, 18(A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)(a)(i) and (ii), (b), (c)(i)(ff), (ii), (iii), (d), and (e), and (B), 20(A) and (D), 21(A) and (B)(1)(a), (b), (c), the introductory paragraph of

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 13 Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana,
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 5 and (B), 706, 707, 722, 723(A), (F), and (H), 731(1), 732, 802, 904(2), (4), (7), (9),
 6 (12), (20), 905(A), introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(2), (8), and (9), and (C),
 7 905.1(A) and (B)(2), introductory paragraph of 905.3(A)(1), (B), (C), (E)(1), and (F),
 8 906.1, 907(A) and introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(9), (11), (12), (13)(b), (15),
 9 (17), and (18), (C)(1), (D), (F), and (G), 908(A)(12) and (B), 915(B)(7), (9), (10)(f),
 10 (12), introductory paragraph of (15), (15)(e), (20), (22)(e), (25), introductory
 11 paragraph of (C)(2), (2)(d), introductory paragraph of (3), and (4), (D)(3) and (4),
 12 (E)(1), (4), and (5), 917(A)(1), introductory paragraph of (2), (2)(d), (3), (B), (D),
 13 (E), (F), and (G), 921, 1102, 1103(3), (14), and (15), introductory paragraph of
 14 1104(A), 1104(A)(3), (9), (10), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (D), (E), the
 15 introductory paragraph of 1107(A)(1), (A)(2), (B), (C), and the introductory
 16 paragraph of (D), 1108(A)(1), (B), and (D), introductory paragraph of 1109(A)(1),
 17 1109(C), (D), (E), (F), and (G), 1110(A), (B)(1), introductory paragraph of (C),
 18 introductory paragraph of (C)(1), (1)(b), (f), (g), and (h), (2), and (3), introductory
 19 paragraph of (G), (H), and (I), 1115, 2200, 2455, and introductory paragraph of
 20 2456(A), R.S. 31:115(C)(1)(b), R.S. 36:351, 352, 353, 354(A)(7), (10), (13), and
 21 (15), (B)(1)(b), (2), (4), (6), (8), (10), and (12), 355, 356, 357, 358, the introductory
 22 paragraphs of 359(A) and (B), (B)(1) and (2), and (C), R.S. 38:3072, 3073(8),
 23 introductory paragraph of 3076(A), (A)(3), (4), (7), (8), (9), (14)(b), and (24), (C),
 24 (D), (E), introductory paragraph of (F)(1), (F)(1)(b), and (2), 3077, 3078, 3079,
 25 3081, 3083, 3087.136(4), 3087.138, 3092(2) and (4), 3093, the introductory
 26 paragraph of 3094(A), (A)(1) through (4), the introductory paragraph of 3094(B),
 27 (B)(7), the introductory paragraph of 3094(C), and (C)(1), 3097.1(C), 3097.2(1), (4),
 28 (7), and (9), 3097.3(A) and (B), the introductory paragraphs of 3097.3(C) and
 29 (C)(4)(a), (C)(4)(a)(v) and (b), and (8), (D), (E), (F)(1), the introductory paragraph
 30 of (2), the introductory paragraph of (d), and the introductory paragraph of (f), and

1 (G), 3097.6(A), the introductory paragraphs of 3097.6(B) and (B)(3), 3097.8(A) and
2 (C), the introductory paragraph of 3098(A), 3098(B) and (E), and 3098.1(4), R.S.
3 44:4.1(B)(19), R.S. 45:251(3), 252, and 255, R.S. 49:214.29(B) and 992(D)(7), R.S.
4 56:432.1(C)(2), 700.13(B), and 700.14(B), to enact R.S. 30:3(21) and (22), 4(C)(21)
5 and (D)(6), 21.1, 29(C)(6)(d), 86(I) and (J), 93(C), Part VIII of Chapter 1 of Subtitle
6 I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of 98.1
7 through 98.13, 124.1, 136.3(B)(6) and (7), 209(6), and 2454(33), R.S. 36:351.1,
8 354(B)(13) and (14), 354.1, 356.1(B)(6) and (7) and (D), and 359(D) and 600, R.S.
9 38:3098(G), R.S. 39:1367(E)(2)(b)(xi), and R.S. 45:251(4), and to repeal R.S. 17:200
10 through 220, R.S. 30:4(N), 85(D)(11), 86(F), 136.3(E), Part III of Chapter 2 of
11 Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana, comprised of R.S. 30:186
12 through 188, 1103(10), 1104(F), 2458, 2469, and 2470 through 2474, and R.S.
13 38:3073(2), 3074, 3075, 3080, 3097.4, 3097.7, and 3098.6(A)(1), relative to the
14 Department of Energy and Natural Resources; to rename the Department of Energy
15 and Natural Resources as the Department of Conservation and Energy; to provide for
16 the structure and organization of the department; to provide for definitions; to
17 provide for bonding authority; to provide for the creation of offices; to provide for
18 the secretary; to provide for the deputy secretary; to provide for the undersecretary;
19 to provide for directors; to provide for the authority to promulgate rules and
20 regulations; to provide for expedited permits; to provide for the Natural Resources
21 Financial Security Fund; to provide for enforcement; to provide for the Natural
22 Resources Commission; to provide for the Louisiana Natural Resources Trust
23 Authority; to provide for water resource management; to provide for net state
24 supported debt; to provide for orphan oil wells; to provide for the State Mineral and
25 Energy Board; to provide for the transfer of entities; to provide for the Oyster Lease
26 Acquisition and Compensation Program; to provide for conditions, terms, and
27 procedures; to provide for the issuance of certificates of public convenience and
28 necessity; to provide for carbon dioxide sequestration policy; to provide for notice;
29 to provide for remediation; to provide for an administrative process for resolution of
30 disputes within the department's jurisdiction; to provide for oilfield site restoration;

1 and to provide for related matters.

2 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

3 Section 1. R.S. 30:1(section heading), (A), (B), and (C), introductory paragraph of
 4 3, 3(3), (6), (7), (9), and (18), 4(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(1)(a)(v) and (b),
 5 (14), (16)(b), (17)(b), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(1), (2), (3), and (5), (E), (F), (G),
 6 (H), introductory paragraph of (I), (I)(1), (3), (4), (5), (9), and (11), (K), introductory
 7 paragraph of (L)(1), introductory paragraph of (M), (M)(3), (6)(b), (O)(1) and (2), (P), (Q),
 8 introductory paragraph of (R), and (T), introductory paragraph of 4.1(B), (C), (D), (E),
 9 (F)(1), (I), and (K), 4.2, 4.3, 5(A), (B), (C)(1), introductory paragraph of (2), (2)(d), (4), and
 10 (6), and (D)(1) and introductory paragraph of (2), 5.1(A)(1), (2), introductory paragraph of
 11 (3), (3)(e), (5), (6), (7), (8), and (9), (B)(1), (2), and introductory paragraph of (3), (5), (7),
 12 (9), (10), (12), and (13), 5.2(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (E), (F), (G), and (H),
 13 6, 6.1(A), (B), (C), (D)(1), and (F), 8(A)(1), (2), (3), and (4), and (B), introductory paragraph
 14 of 9(A), (B), (C), and (D), the introductory paragraph of 10(A), the introductory paragraph
 15 of (A)(1), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2)(a)(i),
 16 (b)(ii)(ii), introductory paragraph of (vi), (vi)(bb), (c), (d), and (f), and (3), (B), and (C)(7),
 17 10.1(B)(1), (3), (4), and (5), 11.1, 12(A), (B)(1), (2), (3), (4), introductory paragraph of (5),
 18 and (5)(f), and (C), 13, 14, 15, 18(A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)(a)(i) and (ii), (b), (c)(i)(ff), (ii),
 19 (iii), (d), and (e), and (B), 20(A) and (D), 21(A) and (B)(1)(a), (b), (c), introductory
 20 paragraph of (d) and (e), and (2)(a) and (b), introductory paragraph of 22(B) and (C), (D),
 21 and (E), introductory paragraph of 23(B), (C), and (D), 23.1(A), 25(A)(2), (3), (5), (6), and
 22 (7), (D), (E), and (F), 26(A), the introductory paragraph of 27(A), (D), and (F), 28(A), (C),
 23 introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(2), (3), (5), (6), and (7), (F), (G), (H), introductory
 24 paragraph of (I)(1), (1)(a), (d), and (g), and (J), 41, 42, 44, 45, 48, introductory paragraph
 25 of 61, 73(1), 74(A) and (B), 79(A), (B), and (C), 82(1), (6), (7), (11), and (14), 83(A)(5) and
 26 (7), 83.1(B)(3), 85(A)(3), and (C), 86(A)(2), (D)(8), (9), and (10), (E)(2) as enacted by
 27 Section 1 of Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana,
 28 (6), and (7), (G), and (H), 88(B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (I), and introductory paragraph of (J),
 29 88.1(A)(3) and (4), (C), (D), (E), (G), and (H), 88.2(C), introductory paragraph of (E),
 30 (E)(1), and (F), 89(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(2) and (3), and (D), 90(C),

hearing or the last filings submitted in accordance with the schedule approved by the secretary or his designee.

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§255. Regulations of commission; petition, notice and hearing; reparations

The Louisiana Public Service Commission shall establish and enforce reasonable rates and regulations for gathering, transporting, loading and delivering petroleum, by any common carrier as defined in R.S. 45:251, and for the furnishing and use of reasonable tank facilities necessary and incident to such or integral to the transportation function and that may be necessary, in its capacity as a common carrier only, to take care, for a reasonable time, of all petroleum transported by it, excluding pipes designed and used solely within a terminal facility for terminaling services, including pipes delivering petroleum into or extracting petroleum from tanks used for terminaling services, intra-terminal transfer lines, metering facilities associated with such terminaling services, tanks designed and used for terminaling services, and truck unloading facilities, and to prescribe and enforce regulations for control of these common carriers in respect to their pipe lines and receiving, tanking, delivering, transferring and loading facilities. It shall exercise this power upon petition by any person showing a substantial interest in the subject. No order requiring the furnishing of such facilities or establishing or prescribing rates, rules and regulations shall be made, except after hearing after at least ten days and not more than thirty days notice to the person owning, controlling, managing or operating the pipe lines affected. If any rate shall be filed by any pipe line and a complaint or petition to reduce the rate is filed by any shipper or owner of petroleum, and such complaint is sustained in whole or in part, all owners and shippers of petroleum, who shall have paid rates so filed by the pipe line have the right to reparation or reimbursement of all excess in transportation charges above the proper rate as finally determined, on all shipments made within six months prior to the date of the filing of the complaint.

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Section 9. R.S. 49:214.29(B) and ~~922(D)(7)~~ are hereby amended and reenacted to

1 read as follows:

2 §214.29. Special areas, projects, and programs

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4 B. The secretary shall may adopt, after notice and public hearing, rules for
5 the identification, designation, and utilization of special areas and for the establishing
6 of guidelines or priorities of uses in each area.

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8 §992. Applicability; exemptions; attorney fees; court costs

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10 D.

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12 (7) All adjudications by the ~~assistant secretary of the office of conservation~~
13 **Department of Conservation and Energy** pursuant to Chapters 1 and 7 of Subtitle
14 I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, except determinations of
15 violations of laws, rules, regulations, and orders, and determinations of penalties for
16 such violations, shall be exempt from the provisions of this Chapter.

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18 Section 10. R.S. 56:432.1(C)(2), 700.13(B), and 700.14(B) are hereby amended and
19 reenacted to read as follows:

20 §432.1. Oyster Lease Acquisition and Compensation Program

21 * * *

22 C. A leaseholder whose lease is acquired in whole or in part may seek an
23 administrative hearing through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority as
24 to whether the acquisition due to the impact of dredging, direct placement of dredged
25 or other materials, or other work or activities necessary for the construction or
26 maintenance of a project for integrated coastal protection is proper or whether the
27 compensation issued by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority satisfies
28 the rules or regulations of that department. A leaseholder whose lease is not acquired
29 but which was impacted by dredging, direct placement of dredged or other materials,
30 or other work or activities necessary for the construction or maintenance of a project

1 for integrated coastal protection has occurred, may also seek an administrative
2 hearing through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to determine if
3 acquisition of the acreage would be proper. Adjudication under this Section shall be
4 conducted in accordance with the following:

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6 (2) Adjudication under this Section shall be conducted in accordance with
7 Chapter 13-B of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and pursuant to
8 the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Conservation and
9 Energy and Natural Resources after consideration of recommendations by the
10 Louisiana Oyster Task Force. The administrative law judge shall consider any
11 reasonably confirmable data or information provided to that department by the
12 leaseholder or any other person on or before the date of the administrative review.

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14 §700.13. Establishment of the board

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16 B. The board shall include five members consisting of one member
17 nominated by the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association, one member
18 nominated by the Louisiana Oyster Task Force, two members nominated jointly by
19 the Louisiana Independent Oil and Gas Association, Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil
20 and Gas Association and the Louisiana Landowners Association, and one member,
21 selected by the other four members of the board, who is a practicing administrative
22 law judge. A quorum of the board shall consist of at least three members. To
23 maintain concordance with the purposes of this Part as articulated in R.S.
24 56:700.10, at least one member nominated by each of the two industries
25 referenced therein shall be necessary for a quorum.

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27 §700.14. Rules and regulations

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29 B. In the formulation of regulations pursuant to this Part, the secretary, in
30 conjunction with the board, shall establish a procedure whereby an oyster fisherman

leaseholder may recover for actual damages to his oyster beds or grounds caused by oil and gas activities.

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Section 11. R.S. 17:200 through 220, R.S. 30:4(N), 29(M)(1)(d), 85(D)(11), 86(F) 136.3(E), Part III of Chapter 2 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana, comprised of R.S. 30:186 through 188, 1103(10), 1104(F), 2458, 2469, and 2470 through 2474, and R.S. 38:3073(2), 3074, 3075, 3080, 3097.4, 3097.7, and 3098.6(A)(1) are hereby repealed.

Section 12. The Louisiana Law Institute is hereby directed to replace all references to "Department of Energy and Natural Resources" in state law with "Department of Conservation and Energy".

Section 13. The Louisiana Law Institute is hereby directed to renumber the paragraphs in R.S. 38:3092 and 3097.2 and to redesignate R.S. 30:101.1 through 101.15 as Part IX of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Section 14. In the event the Act which originated as House Bill No. 605 of the 2025 Regular Session becomes law, the Louisiana State Law Institute shall redesignate R.S. 30:21.1 as enacted by Section 1 of that Act as R.S. 30:4(Q)(1)(b), which shall supersede R.S. 30:4(Q)(1)(b) as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

Section 15.(A) The provisions of R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act shall not apply to any lawsuit for damages that arises out of activity conducted prior to the effective date of Section 2 of this Act and which is filed prior to September 1, 2027.

(B) The provisions of R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act shall apply to any lawsuit for damages that arises out of activity conducted prior to the effective date of Section 2 of this Act and which is filed on or after September 1, 2027.

(C) The provisions of R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act shall apply to any lawsuit for damages that arises out of activity conducted after the effective date of Section 2 of this Act.

Section 16.(A) Sections 2, 15, and 16 of this Act shall become effective upon signature of the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section

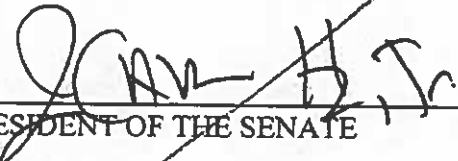
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SB NO. 244

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1 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved
2 by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

3 (B) All remaining Sections of this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: 

June 24, 2025

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SENATE BILL NO. 145

BY SENATOR MCMATH

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 41:1706(C) and R.S. 49:214.30(I), relative to the issuance of permits for construction in certain water bodies in St. Tammany Parish; to prohibit the issuance of Class B Permits and coastal use permits for certain construction; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 41:1706(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1706. Classes of permits

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C. From March 17, 2025, to January 1, 2030, no Class B Permits shall be issued for the construction of a bulkhead in St. Tammany Parish within the area defined by the following coordinates: beginning at 30°25'16.3"N 90°06'51.4"W; proceeding east to 30°25'16.1"N 90°06'45.5"W; then south to 30°25'08.8"N 90°06'46.1"W; then west to 30°25'06.6"N 90°07'04.7"W; then north to 30°25'11.6"N 90°07'04.9"W; then east to 30°25'12.3"N 90°06'51.3"W; and finally north to the point of beginning. This restriction applies to all water bodies within this area, including those locally known as Lake Emfred and Suter Slip.

~~Section 2. R.S. 49:214.30(I) is hereby enacted to read as follows:~~

§214.30. Coastal use permits

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I. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, from March 17, 2025, to January 1, 2030, neither the secretary nor the approved local program for St. Tammany Parish shall issue a coastal use permit for the purpose of constructing a bulkhead in St. Tammany Parish within the area defined by the following coordinates: beginning at 30°25'16.3"N 90°06'51.4"W; proceeding east to

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30°25'16.1"N 90°06'45.5"W; then south to 30°25'08.8"N 90°06'46.1"W; then west to 30°25'06.6"N 90°07'04.7"W; then north to 30°25'11.6"N 90°07'04.9"W; then east to 30°25'12.3"N 90°06'51.3"W; and finally north to the point of beginning. This restriction applies to all water bodies within this area, including those locally known as Lake Emfred and Suter Slip.

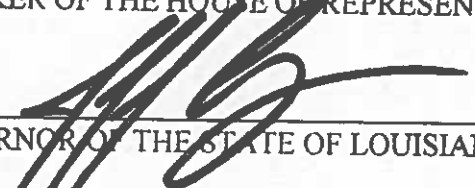
Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  June 8, 2025

ACT 78

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 316

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:219.1, 219.2(B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a)(introductory paragraph) and (xi) and (c)(i), (iii), and (viii) and (2), 219.3(A), and 219.4 and to enact R.S. 49:219.2(B)(1)(a)(xiv) and (xv), relative to the Drug Policy Board; to provide for the policy and purpose of the board; to provide for the membership of the board; to update and modernize language; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:219.1, 219.2(B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a)(introductory paragraph) and (xi) and (c)(i), (iii), and (viii) and (2), 219.3(A), and 219.4 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 49:219.2(B)(1)(a)(xiv) and (xv) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§219.1. Policy and purpose

A. ~~It is the policy of the state to undertake every responsible effort, explore every opportunity, invite every useful contribution, and expend every available resource, to eliminate the abuse of drugs and alcohol and the damage to people and institutions that results from such abuse.~~ It is the policy of the state to take every responsible action, explore all opportunities, invite meaningful contributions, and utilize all available resources to eliminate substance and alcohol misuse along with the resulting harm to individuals and institutions.

B. In view of the policy of the state, it is the purpose of this Part to establish a state agency organizationally positioned and structurally empowered to elicit,

1 motivate, advocate for, and coordinate the best efforts and ideas of all organizations,
2 agencies, entities, and individuals who volunteer or can be conscripted to make a
3 contribution toward the goal of eradicating ~~drug and alcohol abuse and its poisonous~~
4 ~~fruit.~~ substance and alcohol misuse and its harmful consequences.

5 §219.2. Drug Policy Board; establishment; membership; selection; terms;
6 compensation; organization; domicile; procedure

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8 B.(1) The board shall be composed of ~~twenty-three~~ twenty-five members.

9 (a) ~~Thirteen~~ Fifteen of the members shall be as follows:

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11 (xi) The executive ~~director~~ director, or his designee, of the ~~Safe and Drug-~~
12 ~~Free Schools and Communities Program or his designee.~~ office of drug policy within
13 the office of the governor.

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15 (xiv) A representative of the Board of Regents specializing in collegiate
16 recovery education and behavioral health services.

17 (xv) An individual who has been in recovery for at least five years and is
18 actively engaged in substance use prevention and peer support efforts.

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20 (c) The remaining eight members shall be appointed by the governor subject
21 to the confirmation of the Senate as follows:

22 (i) A representative of a private ~~organization involved in substance abuse~~
23 ~~prevention.~~ or nonprofit organization located within this state providing substance
24 use education, treatment, and prevention.

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26 (iii) ~~A representative of a federal agency with responsibilities in alcohol and~~
27 ~~drug abuse education, treatment, or prevention.~~ The director of the Louisiana
28 Supreme Court Drug and Specialty Court Office or his designee.

29 * * *

(viii) A physician representing the field of substance abuse misuse treatment or substance abuse misuse prevention.

(2) The governor shall appoint persons who represent local and state education agencies; ~~drug~~ substance and alcohol abuse misuse treatment or rehabilitation facilities or programs; local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies; and local, state, and federal judiciaries, and legal counsel to serve ~~on the~~ task force in support of the drug policy board.

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§219.3. Powers, duties, and functions; staffing; funding

A. The board shall:

(1) Identify, examine, select or develop, recommend or implement, drug control policies and strategies to more effectively combat illegal drugs and drug, substance, and alcohol abuse: misuse.

(2) Stress a coordinated approach emphasizing application, or needed revisions, of enforcement capabilities targeting ~~drug use;~~ illegal drug misuse, sale, and supply.

(3) Identify, examine, select or develop, recommend or implement, demand reduction measures such as education, prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, peer support, harm reduction, and public awareness.

(4) Receive reports of the allocations and expenditures of all federal ~~anti-drug abuse~~ substance misuse funds earmarked for education, treatment, rehabilitation, prevention, and law enforcement.

(5) Evaluate how ~~anti-drug monies both state and federal are utilized in implementing anti-drug programs~~ state and federal funds are utilized in implementing substance use prevention and related programs at the state and local agencies.

(6) Evaluate changes in the methods ~~or~~ and priorities of the allocation of funds to state and local agencies.

(7) Identify and evaluate the effectiveness of state and local public awareness and drug prevention programs awareness, prevention, and harm reduction programs

1 addressing substance use in both the public and private sectors in order to develop
2 a series of recommendations for improving the effectiveness of such programs.

3 (8) Evaluate specific ~~problem areas relating~~ challenges related to the
4 enforcement of ~~drug laws and make recommendations in order to improve the impact~~
5 ~~of those laws through legislative refinement or executive order.~~ substance use laws
6 and make recommendations to enhance effectiveness through legislative updates or
7 executive action.

8 (9) Assess the roles and interaction of federal, state, and local law
9 enforcement agencies and operations in combating ~~drug abuse~~ substance misuse and
10 trafficking, with recommendations for improving the effectiveness of multi-
11 jurisdictional operations throughout the this state.

12 (10) Provide an interim annual report to the governor regarding findings,
13 ~~activities~~ activities, and recommendations by July 1, 1991 and thereafter at least on
14 ~~a quarterly basis or more often~~ July first of each year and submit quarterly reports
15 if deemed necessary by the governor or the board.

16 (11) Develop long ~~and/or~~ and short range plans or strategies that prioritize
17 areas of need or otherwise organize the use of resources.

18 (12) Seek assistance or support from any state agency or private sector entity
19 which may be helpful in diminishing or eradicating ~~drug~~ substance and alcohol
20 ~~abuse:~~ misuse.

21 (13) Adopt and promulgate rules ~~as may be necessary~~ to implement
22 provisions of this Part.


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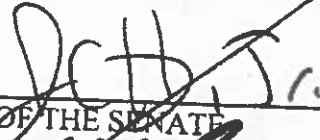
24 §219.4. Assistance and cooperation of other agencies; boards; use of facilities

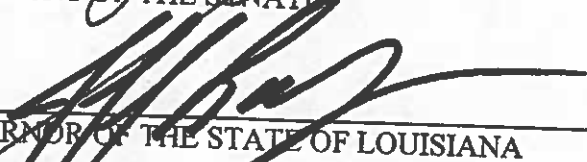
25 All of the agencies, boards, commissions, and ~~departments of the state and~~
26 ~~any of its political subdivisions~~ departments, and political subdivisions shall assist
27 the board in its work ~~and furnish such~~ by providing requested information, reports,
28 research, aid, services, and ~~assistance as may be requested,~~ all support without
29 imposing any cost or charge ~~of any nature~~ to the office. However, such required
30 ~~assistance by agencies, boards, commissions, and departments~~ support shall be

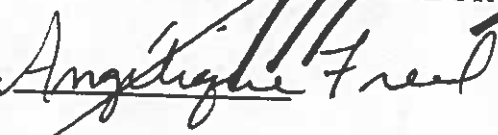
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subject to the funding constraints of the said respective entity. The facilities of the state library and Louisiana State University shall ~~be made~~ make facilities available for use by the board. ~~It shall be the duty of the~~ The attorney general to give ~~assistance to~~ shall assist the board and to ~~render his opinion in writing~~ provide written opinions on any subject requested by the legislative fiscal officer.


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  June 4, 2025

ACT 389

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 640 (Substitute for House Bill No. 621 by Representative Bourriaque)

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BOYER, BRAUD, BROWN, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, CREWS, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HORTON, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE AND SENATORS BASS, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, DUPLESSIS, HARRIS, HENRY, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MYERS, PRICE, REESE, SELDERS, STINE, AND TALBOT

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AN ACT

To enact Part IX of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. ~~49:220.51~~ through 220.53, relative to the office of Louisiana Highway Construction; to create the office of Louisiana Highway Construction within the office of the governor, division of administration; to define the term "office"; to designate certain powers, duties, and responsibilities of the office; to provide for an executive director of the office of Louisiana Highway Construction; to establish the duties and responsibilities of the executive director; to provide for the exercise of procurement procedures, including emergency procurement; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Part IX of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:220.51 through 220.53, are hereby enacted to read as follows:

PART IX. OFFICE OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

§220.51. Office of Louisiana Highway Construction: creation

A. Pursuant to R.S. 36:501(C)(2), it is the intent of the legislature to take extraordinary measures to demonstrate to the citizens of Louisiana that roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure projects can be delivered in an expeditious, transparent, safe, and effective manner.

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B. The office of Louisiana Highway Construction is hereby created within the office of the governor, division of administration.

C. The office shall be responsible for the study, planning, engineering, design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of any nonfederal aid highway that is part of the state highway system.

D. For purposes of this Part, the term "office" shall mean the office of Louisiana Highway Construction.

§220.52. Powers, duties, and responsibilities

A. The office of Louisiana Highway Construction shall consist of executive offices and staff as deemed necessary for effective governance and operation.

B. The office shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities:

(1) To enter into contracts with the federal government, any federal or state agency, political subdivision of the state, or private entities for the study, planning, engineering, design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of any nonfederal aid highway within the state highway system.

(2) To contract for and accept grants of funds, subject to any terms or conditions, including matching fund requirements.

(3) To use nonfederal funds and in-kind donations to provide for the costs associated with nonfederal cost-share requirements associated with projects.

(4) To develop and adopt guidelines for cost-sharing agreements with public and private entities participating in projects managed by the office.

(5) To enter into cooperative agreements with political subdivisions located wholly or partially within the boundaries of a project for any project-related purpose, including construction, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of any nonfederal aid highway within the state highway system.

(6) To exercise the same procurement procedures available to the Department of Transportation and Development in ^{Titles} ~~Title~~ 38, ~~Title~~ 39, and ~~Title~~ 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

(7) To promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Section, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

1 C. The office of Louisiana Highway Construction may:

2 (1) Utilize the services of other executive departments of state government
3 upon mutually agreeable terms and conditions.

4 (2) Receive interagency transfers, state general fund allocations, or any other
5 sources of funding allowed under the law necessary to support the delivery of its
6 functions.

7 (3) Take such other actions, not inconsistent with law, as are necessary to
8 perform properly the functions of the office.

9 (4) The office of Louisiana Highway Construction may engage in and utilize
10 emergency procurement procedures for any purpose until January 1, 2026.

11 D. On or before January fifteenth of each year, the office shall submit a
12 report to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. The
13 report shall include a detailed list of each project that is planned, initiated, or
14 advanced under the authority of this Section, along with the status, scope, funding
15 sources, and expected timelines for each project.

16 §220.53. Executive director: duties and responsibilities

17 A. The executive director of the office of Louisiana Highway Construction
18 shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, and shall
19 serve at the pleasure of the governor.

20 B. The executive director shall be responsible for the overall operations,
21 management, and administration of the office of Louisiana Highway Construction.

22 C. The executive director shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

23 (1) To coordinate all budget requests for projects managed or initiated by the
24 office.

25 (2) To coordinate and focus the functions of all state agencies as it relates to
26 office projects to ensure alignment and efficiency.

27 (3) To take any actions, not inconsistent with law, as may be necessary to
28 carry out the duties and responsibilities of the office.


29 D. In furtherance of the goals and purposes of the office, the executive
30 director may:

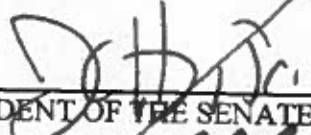
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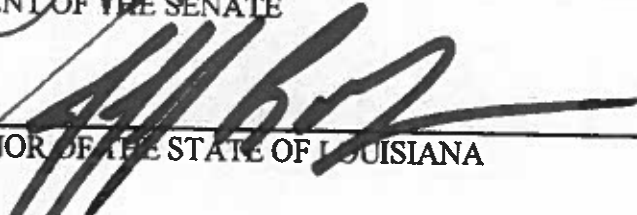
(1) Review and recommend modifications of state departmental policies, procedures, programs, rules, and regulations that are established by law or pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act that may affect the design, construction, operation, management, and monitoring of projects within the authority of the office.

(2) Appoint advisory panels or working groups as needed to support the development, review, or implementation of office initiatives.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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June 20, 2015

ACT 264

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 303

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:261, relative to the apprehension of fugitive offenders; to create the Fugitive Apprehension Unit; to provide for the activities of the fugitive apprehension unit; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:261 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§261. Department of Justice Fugitive Apprehension Unit

A. The attorney general shall maintain a statewide Fugitive Apprehension Unit within the investigation division of the Department of Justice. The Fugitive Apprehension Unit shall be comprised of special agents who shall be P.O.S.T.-certified peace officers commissioned by the attorney general, intelligence analysts, and support personnel. The unit shall be responsible for apprehending fugitives and shall perform the following activities:

(1) Coordinate with and assist local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies including but not limited to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the office of state police, the office of probation and parole, sheriffs departments, police departments, the United States Marshals Service, the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and other federal law enforcement agencies, to apprehend fugitives.

(2) Provide assistance to law enforcement agencies that are actively pursuing fugitives and individuals who have violated the terms and conditions of court-ordered electronic monitoring programs.

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(3) Execute arrest warrants and make warrantless arrests as prescribed by law.

(4) Give priority to proactively targeting fugitives wanted for violent felony offenses, including murder, rape, armed robbery, and other heinous crimes.


(5) Establish or participate in fugitive task forces with other state or federal law enforcement agencies to address the need for increased resources in the apprehension of fugitives.

(6) Identify, pursue, and arrest any person who shall harbor, conceal, or aid a fugitive, knowing or having reasonable grounds to believe that the offender is a fugitive, and with the intent that the fugitive may avoid or escape from arrest, trial, conviction, or punishment.

B. The attorney general shall appoint and commission special agents who shall be P.O.S.T.-certified peace officers vested with all the powers conferred by law upon peace officers of this state.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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2025 Regular Session

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SENATE BILL NO. 59

BY SENATOR REESE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:961(E)(4), relative to the Administrative Procedure Act; to provide for statements of fiscal and economic impact; to provide for approval of appropriations by certain subject matter committees or the governor; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:961(E)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§961. Procedure for adoption of rules

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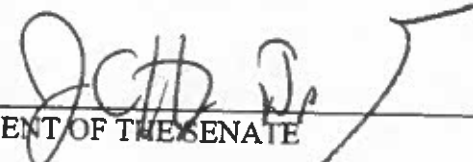
(4)(a) Except as otherwise provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, any proposed action that the legislative fiscal office determines will result in either the expenditure of state funds or an economic impact involving costs to regulated entities estimated at two hundred thousand dollars per year or more or six hundred thousand dollars or more over three years shall not take effect unless the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittees determine that the action is acceptable. However, this requirement shall not apply if the legislative fiscal office determines that the fiscal or economic impact of the proposed action is less than or equal to the amount accounted for in the fiscal note for legislation that required the action.

(b) A proposed action specified in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph may take effect without a determination by the legislative oversight committees that the action is acceptable only if both of the following occur:

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(i) At least one legislative oversight committee fails to conduct a hearing for the purpose of making a determination regarding the proposed action within thirty days of receipt of the report required by R.S. 49:966(D)(1)(b).

(ii) The governor deems the action acceptable in writing.




PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  June 8, 2025

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 99

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLINGS

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:978.1(A) and 992(B)(3) and to enact R.S. 49:978.1(H), relative to administrative hearing decisions and judicial review of such decisions; to provide relative to interpretation of statutes and rules; to provide for entitlement to seek judicial review; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:978.1(A) and 992(B)(3) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 49:978.1(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§978.1. Judicial review of adjudication

A.(1) Except as provided in R.S. 15:1171 through 1177, a person party who is aggrieved by a final decision or order in an adjudication proceeding is entitled to judicial review under this Chapter whether or not he has applied to the agency for rehearing, without limiting, however, utilization of or the scope of judicial review available under other means of review, redress, relief, or trial de novo provided by law. A preliminary, procedural, or intermediate agency action or ruling is immediately reviewable if review of the final agency decision would not provide an adequate remedy and would inflict irreparable injury.

(2) However, if the agency conducting the adjudication proceeding issues the final decision or order, the agency conducting the adjudication proceeding shall not be entitled to seek judicial review under this Chapter.

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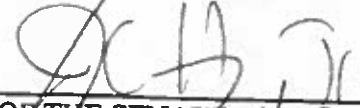
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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.



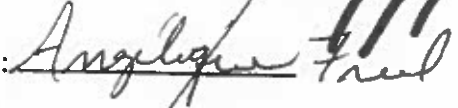
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 682 (Substitute for House Bill No. 406 by Representative Ventrella)

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(24) and (35) and to enact R.S. 37:1249.1 and R.S. 49:980.1, relative to adjudication proceedings by a professional or occupational licensure board created pursuant to Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 that reports to the National Practitioner Data Bank pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act; to provide for rescission of board action and expungement of board records by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; to provide for expungement of records related to a stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order, or proceeding in certain circumstances; to provide for grounds for board action rescission and expungement; to provide for procedures; to provide for confidentiality of records; to provide for void reports issued to third-party data banks; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:1249.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1249.1. Board action and expungement of adjudication records; procedure; confidentiality

A.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a pharmacist or person permitted to operate a pharmacy may request board action rescission and expungement of adjudication proceeding records relative to a board stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order, or default if the attorney general issues a written opinion that the interpretation of law relied upon by the board and which resulted in the stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order, or default was erroneous.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a person permitted by the board to operate a pharmacy may request board action rescission and

1 expungement of adjudication proceeding records relative to a stipulation, agreed
2 settlement, or consent order if all of the following apply:

3 (a) The person permitted to operate a pharmacy employed a pharmacist
4 licensed by the board and the pharmacist committed a regulatory violation or
5 criminal act while in the course and scope of his employment without the knowledge
6 or consent of the person who holds the pharmacy permit.

7 (b) Upon learning of the regulatory violation or criminal act of the
8 pharmacist, the person who holds the pharmacy permit terminated the pharmacist
9 and reported the regulatory violation or criminal act to the board or any other
10 appropriate state or federal regulatory or law enforcement agency.

11 (c) No other state or federal agency with regulatory or law enforcement
12 jurisdiction took adverse action against the person who holds the pharmacy permit.

13 (d) The person permitted to operate a pharmacy entered into a stipulation,
14 agreed settlement, or consent order with the board as a result of the pharmacists'
15 regulatory violation or criminal act and the stipulation, agreed settlement, or consent
16 order was reported to a third-party databank.

17 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a pharmacist or
18 person permitted to operate a pharmacy may request expungement of adjudication
19 proceeding records relative to board adjudication proceedings filed against the
20 pharmacist or person permitted to operate a pharmacy in which it is alleged that the
21 pharmacist or person permitted to operate a pharmacy violated one or more
22 provisions of law if at the conclusion of the adjudication proceedings there is no
23 finding that the pharmacist or person permitted to operate a pharmacy violated the
24 law.

25 B.(1) A pharmacist or person permitted to operate a pharmacy who seeks
26 board action rescission and expungement pursuant to this Section shall file with the
27 board a written request for board action rescission and expungement setting forth the
28 facts that demonstrate that the applicable requirements of Subsection A of this
29 Section are satisfied.

1 (2)(a) The board shall consider the request and if the facts stated in the
2 request demonstrate that the applicable requirements of Subsection A of this Section
3 are satisfied, the board shall enter into an order rescinding the applicable board
4 action and expunging the adjudication proceeding records relative to the board
5 stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order, default, or proceedings. The board may
6 enter into a ^{nondisciplinary} ~~non-disciplinary~~ stipulated order with the pharmacist or person permitted
7 to operate a pharmacy agreeing to rescind board action and expunge the related
8 board records, which shall state the provisions of Subsection A of this Section that
9 authorize the board action rescission and expungement.

10 (b) If the order of expungement involves records of the division of
11 administrative law, the board shall ensure that the order of expungement is served
12 on the director of the division of administrative law as soon as practicable after
13 issuance.

14 C.(1) Upon rescission of board action and expungement of related records,
15 the board shall remove from public access all stipulations, agreed settlements,
16 consent orders, or adjudication proceeding records that are ordered to be expunged;
17 however, the records shall not be destroyed.

18 (2)(a) Expunged stipulations, agreed settlements, consent orders, and
19 adjudication proceeding records shall be privileged, confidential, are no longer
20 considered public records, and shall not be made available to any person or entity
21 other than the board.

22 (b) All records concerning a request to rescind board action and expunge
23 board records shall be confidential and shall not be made available to any person or
24 other entity, except that such record shall be available to the board.

25 D. The board shall submit a void report to any third-party data bank to which
26 the board action had been reported to stating that the action of the board has been
27 fully and unequivocally rescinded and that no record of violation exists for the
28 pharmacist or person permitted to operate a pharmacy as it relates to the board
29 stipulation, agreed settlement, or consent order for the specific matter that was the
30 subject of the rescission.

1 Section 2. R.S. 49:980.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

2 §980.1. Board action rescission and expungement of adjudication records:
3 procedure; confidentiality

4 A.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a person who
5 holds or has held an occupational license issued by a professional occupational
6 license board created under Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 may
7 request board action rescission and expungement of adjudication proceeding records
8 relative to board action resulting in an adverse report to the National Practitioner
9 Data Bank if the attorney general issues a written opinion that the interpretation of
10 law relied upon by the professional occupational licensure board and which resulted
11 in the adverse action was erroneous.

12 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a person who holds
13 or has held an occupational license issued by a professional occupational licensure
14 board created under Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 may request
15 board action rescission and expungement of adjudication proceeding records relative
16 to board adjudication proceedings filed against the person in which it is alleged that
17 the person violated one or more provisions of law if at the conclusion of the
18 adjudication proceedings there is no finding that the person violated the law.

19 B.(1) A person who seeks expungement pursuant to this Section shall file
20 with the professional occupational licensure board a written request for board action
21 rescission and expungement setting forth the facts that demonstrate that the
22 applicable requirements of Subsection A of this Section are satisfied.

23 (2)(a) The professional occupational licensure board shall consider the
24 request and if the facts stated in the request demonstrate that the applicable
25 requirements of Subsection A of this Section are satisfied, the professional
26 occupational licensure board shall enter into an order rescinding the applicable board
27 action and expunging the adjudication proceeding records relative to the adverse
28 action or proceedings. The professional occupational licensure board may enter into
29 a ~~non-disciplinary~~ ^{non-disciplinary} stipulated order with the licensee to rescind the adverse board
30 action and expunge the related board records, which shall state the provisions of

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Subsection A of this Section that authorize the board action rescission and expungement.

(b) If the order of expungement involves records of the division of administrative law, the professional occupational licensure board shall ensure that the order of expungement is served on the director of the division of administrative law as soon as practicable after issuance.

C.(1) Upon rescission of adverse board action and expungement of related records, the board shall remove from public access all stipulations, agreed settlements, consent orders, board orders, and adjudication proceeding records that are ordered to be expunged; however, the records shall not be destroyed.

(2)(a) Expunged adverse actions and any related adjudication proceeding records shall be privileged, confidential, are no longer considered public records, and shall not be made available to any person or entity other than the professional occupational licensure board.

(b) All records concerning a request to rescind adverse board action and expunge board records shall be confidential and shall not be made available to any person or other entity, except that such record shall be available to the professional occupational licensure board.

D. The professional occupational licensure board shall submit a void report to any third-party data bank to which the board action had been reported to stating that the action of the board has been fully and unequivocally rescinded and that no record of violation exists for the licensee as it relates to the board stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order, or board order for the specific matter that was the subject of the rescission.

Section 3. R.S. 44:4.1(B)(24) and (35) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4.1. Exceptions

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B. The legislature further recognizes that there exist exceptions, exemptions, and limitations to the laws pertaining to public records throughout the revised

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statutes and codes of this state. Therefore, the following exceptions, exemptions, and limitations are hereby continued in effect by incorporation into this Chapter by citation:

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(24) R.S. 37:74, 86, 90, 147, 691, 711.10, 763, 763.1, 781, 920.1, 969.1, 1123(E), 1249.1, 1277, 1278, 1285, 1326, 1338.1, 1360.53.1, 1360.104.1, 1518, 1745.15, 1747, 1806, 2156.1, 2406, 2505.1, 2863.1, 3276.2, 3481, 3507.1

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(35) R.S. 49:220.25, 975.1, 980.1, 997, 1055

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: *[Signature]* June 10, 2025

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 526

BY REPRESENTATIVES JACOB LANDRY, BOYER, CARRIER, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, ECHOLS, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, GADBERRY, HEBERT, HENRY, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, VILLIO, AND WRIGHT

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~43:81~~ and R.S. ~~49:1301~~ through 1308 and to repeal R.S. ~~42:19(A)(2)(c)~~ and R.S. 43:81.1 through 90, relative to the official journal of the state; to provide that the official journal of the state shall be a website established and maintained by the commissioner of administration; to provide for advertisements, public notices, or proclamations on a website maintained by the legislature; to remove requirements designating a newspaper as the official journal of the state, including provisions relative to printing, contracts, and bidding; to provide for the publication of notices for a proposal to effect certain changes related to any retirement system for public employees; to apply requirements pertaining to a website containing information about certain boards and commissions to the website serving as the official journal of the state; to broaden the application of such requirements; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to redesignate certain provisions of law; and to provide for related matters.

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

2 ~~Section 1. R.S. 43:81 is hereby amended~~ and reenacted to read as follows:

3 §81. Official journal of state

4 A. ~~The printing of advertisements;~~ Advertisements, public notices,
5 proclamations, and all public notices and advertising to be done by the legislature,
6 or the executive or other departments and institutions of the state government, shall
7 be published ~~in a daily newspaper~~ on a website established and maintained by the
8 commissioner of administration to be known and designated as the "Official Journal
9 of the State", ~~which newspaper shall have and possess the following qualifications:~~
10 State". Except public notices required by the Constitution of Louisiana, the
11 legislature may publish any advertisements, public notices, or proclamations on the
12 legislature's website.

13 ~~(1) It shall possess the periodicals class mailing privilege.~~

14 ~~(2) It shall be published in and have a general circulation in Louisiana.~~

15 ~~(3) It shall have been so published at least once per week for a period of not~~
16 ~~less than two years prior to the time that it is awarded the contract as the Official~~
17 ~~Journal of the State, as provided in this Chapter.~~

18 B.(1) ~~For the purposes of Article III, Section 19 of the Constitution of~~
19 ~~Louisiana, the Official Journal of the State shall be the Internet website or portal of~~
20 ~~the Official Journal of the State.~~

21 ~~(2) All~~ (1) ~~For the purposes of Article III, Section 19 of the Constitution of~~
22 Louisiana, all laws and joint resolutions shall be accessible through the Official
23 Journal of the State as defined in this Subsection Section ~~prior to the sixtieth day~~
24 ~~after final adjournment of the session in which they were enacted and shall remain~~
25 ~~accessible for at least one year. Any act that contains an effective date prior to the~~
26 ~~sixtieth day after final adjournment shall be accessible prior to the effective date~~
27 ~~contained therein, if possible, or if not possible, as soon as possible after such~~
28 ~~effective date.~~

29 (2) For purposes of Article X, Section 29 of the Constitution of Louisiana,
30 the commissioner of administration shall promulgate rules and fees in accordance

1 with the Administrative Procedure Act to provide for the publication of notices on
 2 the Official Journal of the State by any person, without cost to the state, of a proposal
 3 to effect any change in existing laws or constitutional provisions relating to any
 4 retirement system for public employees.

5 Section 2. R.S. 49:1301 through 1308 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
 6 follows:

7 43:81.1

8 ~~§1301. Commissioner of administration; duties; sunset review of boards, and~~
 9 ~~commissions, and like entities~~

10 A. The commissioner of administration shall ~~establish and maintain a~~
 11 ~~website to post the information designated in R.S. 49:1302: on the Official Journal~~
 12 ~~of the State.~~ 43:82

13 B.(1) If the commissioner of administration determines that a board; or
 14 ~~commission, or like entity covered by this Chapter~~ has failed to submit the
 15 information required pursuant to R.S. 49:1304 in the manner required by this
 16 Chapter, the commissioner shall send the board; or ~~commission, or like entity~~ a
 17 notice of noncompliance by certified mail, return receipt requested. 43:84

18 (2)(a)(i) If the board; or ~~commission, or like entity~~ fails to submit the
 19 information required pursuant to R.S. 49:1304 in the manner required by this Chapter
 20 within the response period, the commissioner shall send notice detailing the failure
 21 to comply to the board; or ~~commission, or like entity~~ and to the chief administrative
 22 officer of the department of which the board; or ~~commission, or like entity~~ is a part,
 23 if applicable.

24 (ii) The commissioner shall also send notice detailing the failure to comply
 25 to the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, the House Committee
 26 on House and Governmental Affairs, and the oversight committees for the board; or
 27 ~~commission, or like entity.~~

28 (b)(i) Each oversight committee that receives a notice pursuant to Item (a)(ii)
 29 of this Paragraph shall ~~shall~~ may within sixty days of receiving the notice evaluate the
 30 board; or ~~commission, or like entity~~ and determine whether the board; or
~~commission, or like entity~~ should be continued, modified, or terminated. The

1 committee may direct the board; ~~or commission, or like entity~~ to begin to terminate
 2 its operations and to prepare for the orderly transfer or termination of its powers,
 3 duties, responsibilities, and functions, as appropriate.

4 (ii) No later than thirty days prior to the beginning of a regular session, each
 5 oversight committee that received a notice pursuant to Item (a)(i) of this Paragraph
 6 during the year prior to the year in which the session is to be held ~~shall~~ may submit
 7 a report to the legislature and the governor. The report shall contain a summary of
 8 all action taken by the committee with respect to each such notice. The report shall
 9 also contain the committee's determination as to whether each board; ~~or commission;~~
 10 ~~or like entity~~ that was the subject of such a notice should be continued, modified, or
 11 terminated and any legislation concerning the board; ~~or commission, or like entity~~
 12 that the committee will propose to the legislature.

13 (c)(i) For purposes of this Paragraph, "response period" means the period of
 14 time beginning with the day the notice of noncompliance sent pursuant to Paragraph
 15 (1) of this Subsection is received by the board; ~~or commission, or like entity~~ and
 16 ending ninety days later.

17 (ii) For purposes of this Paragraph, "oversight committees" means the
 18 standing committees of the two houses of the legislature which have usual
 19 jurisdiction over the affairs of the board; ~~or commission, or like entity~~.

20 C. The provisions of Subsection B of this Section shall not apply to any
 21 board which is responsible for the administration of any statewide retirement fund
 22 held in trust for the benefit of its participants and which retirement fund is not the
 23 direct financial responsibility of the state.

24 ^{43:82} ~~§1302. Website; content~~ Content

25 The ~~website established pursuant to R.S. 49:1301 shall contain~~ commissioner
 26 of administration shall post on the Official Journal of the State the following
 27 information for boards; ~~and commissions, and like entities covered by this Chapter:~~

28 A: (1) Each notice of a meeting required to be given pursuant to R.S. 42:19,
 29 including all of the information required pursuant to R.S. 42:19 to be included in the
 30 notice.

1 B: (2) Minutes of meetings required to be made available to the public
2 pursuant to R.S. 42:20, including any attachments.

3 (3) Audio and video recordings of meetings required to be made available
4 pursuant to R.S. 42:23.

5 E: (4) Statutory citations to provisions specifically creating the board; or
6 ~~commission; or like entity~~ providing for its membership and providing for its
7 powers and authority.

8 D: (5) Contact information, including the name of one or more contacts at
9 the board; or ~~commission; or like entity~~; a mailing address; an ^{email} ~~e-mail~~ address, if
10 applicable; a website address, if applicable; and a phone number.

11 E: (1) (6)(a) Membership information, including the number, names,
12 compensation, terms, length of service, and method of selection of members.

13 (2) (b) The information required by this Subsection Subparagraph (a) of this
14 Paragraph shall include per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses, including
15 the amount of such expenses paid per meeting and an aggregate amount of such
16 expenses paid per fiscal year.

17 F: (7) Employee information, including the number, job description or title,
18 and salaries of employees.

19 G: (8) Financial and budget information, including a detailed description of
20 revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year and the previous two fiscal
21 years.

22 H: (9) The rules, regulations, and procedures of the board; or ~~commission;~~
23 ~~or like entity.~~

24 ^{43:83} ~~§1303.~~ Submission of notices and minutes

25 A. Each board; and ~~commission; or like entity~~ covered by this Chapter shall
26 submit each notice required to be included on the website Official Journal of the
27 State pursuant to R.S. ^{43:82(1)} ~~49:1302(A)~~ to the commissioner of administration in a manner
28 which allows the commissioner enough time to post the notice ~~on the website~~ prior
29 to the deadline applicable to the board; or ~~commission; or like entity~~ for giving
30 notice pursuant to R.S. 42:19.

1 B. Each board; and commission; ~~or like entity covered by this Chapter~~ shall
2 submit minutes required to be included on the ~~website~~ Official Journal of the State
3 pursuant to R.S. ^{43:82(2)} ~~49:1302(B)~~ to the commissioner of administration within ten days
4 after the minutes are adopted by the board; or commission; ~~or like entity~~.

5 C. All submissions of information required by this Section shall be made in
6 an electronic format designated by the commissioner of administration.

7 ^{43:84} ~~§1304~~. Submission of other information

8 A. Each board; and commission; ~~or like entity covered by this Chapter~~ shall
9 fully cooperate with the commissioner of administration in implementing and
10 complying with the requirements of this Chapter.

11 B.(1) Except as provided in R.S. ^{43:83} ~~49:1303~~, each board; and commission; ~~or~~
12 ~~like entity covered by this Chapter~~ shall submit to the commissioner of
13 administration all information required to be included on the ~~website~~ Official Journal
14 of the State pursuant to R.S. ^{43:82} ~~49:1302~~ by February first of each year. Except as
15 provided in R.S. ~~49:1302(E)(2) and (G)~~; ^{43:82} R.S. 49:1302 relative to membership
16 information and financial and budget information, the information shall be complete
17 for the previous calendar year.

18 (2) The information required to be submitted pursuant to this Section shall
19 be submitted by an appropriate officer of the board; or commission; ~~or like entity~~.
20 The officer shall certify that the information submitted is true and correct to the best
21 of his knowledge, information, and belief.

22 C. All submissions of information required by this Section shall be made in
23 an electronic format designated by the commissioner of administration.

24 ^{43:85} ~~§1305~~. Applicability

25 A. This Chapter shall apply to the following boards, commissions, and like
26 entities: For purposes of this Chapter, "boards and commissions" shall have the
27 same meaning as provided in R.S. 42:1124.2.1(D)(1)(a)(i) and shall include any
28 committee, subcommittee, or panel of any board or commission.

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~~(1) Any board, commission, or like entity that is a licensing agency pursuant to the Louisiana Licensing Agency Budget Act (R.S. 39:1331 et seq.);~~

~~(2) The Louisiana Board of Cosmetology (R.S. 37:571);~~

~~(3) Each board and commission whose members are required to file annual financial disclosure statements pursuant to R.S. 42:1124.2.1.~~

~~B. This Chapter shall also apply to any committee, subcommittee, or panel of any board, commission, or like entity specified in Subsection A of this Section.~~

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~~§1305.1. Additional limited applicability of Chapter, notices of meetings only; duties~~ Duties of the commissioner

~~A. Each public body as defined in R.S. 42:13 not included in R.S. 49:1305 but which is required to give notice of its meetings in the manner required by R.S. 42:19(A) is subject to the provisions of this Section but not to other provisions of this Chapter.~~

~~B. Each public body subject to this Section shall submit each notice of a meeting to the commissioner of administration in a manner which allows the commissioner enough time to post the notice on the website established pursuant to R.S. 49:1301 prior to the deadline applicable to the public body for giving notice pursuant to R.S. 42:19(A).~~

~~C. All submissions of notice required by this Section shall be made in an electronic format designated by the commissioner of administration.~~

~~D. A. The commissioner of administration shall include each notice received pursuant to this Section on the website established pursuant to R.S. 49:1301~~ maintain the information required by this Chapter in an easily searchable format and shall provide for the capability for members of the public to request and receive electronic notifications of meetings.

~~E. B. The commissioner of administration shall establish a timeline and plan for the implementation of the technological functions of the website established pursuant to R.S. 49:1301~~ required by Subsection ~~D~~ A of this Section.

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~~§1306.~~ Rules and regulations

The commissioner of administration may adopt rules and regulations in the manner provided by the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this Chapter.

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~~§1307.~~ Legislative auditor

The legislative auditor shall work with the commissioner of administration to ensure that each board; and ~~commission; or like entity covered by this Chapter~~ complies with the provisions of this Chapter.

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~~§1308.~~ Internet publication of certain information concerning permits and licenses; information required to be published; manner of publication

A.(f) Each state entity ~~subject to the provisions of this Chapter~~ that issues a permit or license shall prominently ~~include on its internet website~~ submit the information required by Subsection B of this Section for inclusion in the Official Journal of the State.

~~(2) If a state entity does not have an internet website, the department of which the state entity is a part shall include the information required by Subsection B of this Section for the state entity on the website of the department.~~

B. All of the following information shall be ~~included on the website:~~ included:

(1) A brief description of each permit or license that the state entity issues.

For each such permit or license, links to the following shall be included:

(a) The full text of the current application.

(b) A checklist of all information required to be submitted to complete the application process.

(c) The name and contact information of the person within the state entity responsible for responding to inquiries about the status of an application.

(d) The anticipated timeline for review of a completed application.

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(2) A copy of the annual report submitted to the legislative oversight committees or subcommittees by the state entity pursuant to Subsection C of this Section.

C. Each state entity shall annually submit to its legislative oversight committee or subcommittee a report containing the number of permit or license applications received, the number of permits or licenses issued, and timelines for approval of an application.

D. For the purposes of this Section, "state entity" means any department, office, division, commission, council, board, bureau, or other regulatory agency of state government.

Section 3. R.S. 42:19(A)(2)(c) and R.S. 43:81.1 through 90 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 4.(A) The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed to incorporate R.S. 49:1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1305.1, 1306, 1307, and 1308, all as amended and reenacted by this Act, into Chapter 2 of Title 43 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 in lieu of certain provisions repealed by this Act, as follows:

- (1) R.S. 49:1301 shall be redesignated as R.S. 43:81.1.
- (2) R.S. 49:1302 shall be redesignated as R.S. 43:82.
- (3) R.S. 49:1303 shall be redesignated as R.S. 43:83.
- (4) R.S. 49:1304 shall be redesignated as R.S. 43:84.
- (5) R.S. 49:1305 shall be redesignated as R.S. 43:85.
- (6) R.S. 49:1305.1 shall be redesignated as R.S. 43:86.
- (7) R.S. 49:1306 shall be redesignated as R.S. 43:87.
- (8) R.S. 49:1307 shall be redesignated as R.S. 43:88.
- (9) R.S. 49:1308 shall be redesignated as R.S. 43:89.

(B) The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed to review all statutes which contain citations being redesignated by this Act in all statutory locations, including but not limited to the citations contained in the provisions of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised

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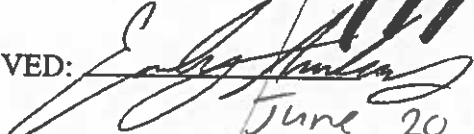
Statutes of 1950 in Paragraph (A) of this Section, and change all such citations to conform with such redesignations.

Section 5. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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AN ACT

To enact Chapter 23 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:1511 through 1518, relative to the legal status of individuals receiving state services; to provide for responsibilities of certain state agencies; to provide for annual reporting and publication of data; to provide for data collection and verification; to provide for penalties; to provide relative to implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 23 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 49:1511 through 1518, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 23. STATE SERVICES AND BENEFITS LEGAL

STATUS AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

§1511. Short title

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "State Services and Benefits Legal Status and Accountability Act".

§1512. Legislative intent

A. The purpose of this Chapter is to ensure accountability and transparency in the provision of state services and benefits and to ascertain the extent to which state services and benefits are provided to aliens within the following categories: "illegal aliens" and "unaccompanied alien children". Executive Order Number JML 24-05⁹ concerns identifying, quantifying, and mitigating the adverse effects of illegal immigration on Louisiana. Executive Order JML 24-05 provides numerous reasons for why it is important for the state of Louisiana to identify individuals receiving state services and benefits who are illegal aliens or unaccompanied alien children, and to be able to

1 quantify and calculate the cost to the state of providing such services and
 2 benefits. The reasons provided in Executive Order Number JML 24-05 are
 3 adopted by reference herein as the legislature's declaration of purpose in
 4 enacting this Chapter.

5 B. It is the intent of this Chapter that the Louisiana Department of
 6 Health, state Department of Education, office of motor vehicles, Governor's
 7 Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Department of
 8 Public Safety and Corrections, Department of Children and Family Services,
 9 Department of Revenue, and Louisiana higher education institutions determine
 10 the legal status of individuals receiving state services and benefits and to
 11 calculate and report the total dollar value of services and benefits provided to
 12 individuals identified as "illegal aliens" or "unaccompanied alien children" as
 13 defined by federal law.

14 §1513. Definitions

15 For the purposes of this Chapter:

16 (1) "Agency" means the Louisiana Department of Health, state
 17 Department of Education, office of motor vehicles, Governor's Office of
 18 Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Department of Public Safety
 19 and Corrections, Department of Children and Family Services, Department of
 20 Revenue, and Louisiana higher education institutions.

21 (2) "Annual report" means a report that details the legal status of
 22 individuals who have received state services and the estimated total dollar value
 23 of those services, compiled by the relevant state agencies.

24 (3) "Illegal alien" means an "alien" described in 8 U.S.C. 1101, who is
 25 present in the United States without lawful immigration status and therefore
 26 subject to removal pursuant to federal law. An alien granted parole under 8
 27 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5), temporary protected status, deferred action, deferred
 28 enforced departure, or similar exercise of administrative grace or prosecutorial
 29 discretion shall not be deemed to have lawful immigration status.

30 (4) "State services and benefits" means all services and benefits provided

1 by the Louisiana Department of Health, state Department of Education, office
2 of motor vehicles, Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
3 Preparedness, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Department of
4 Children and Family Services, Department of Revenue, and Louisiana higher
5 education institutions, including but not limited to healthcare, education,
6 licenses, emergency assistance, and tax benefits.

7 (5) "Unaccompanied alien child" has the meaning set forth in 6 U.S.C.
8 279(g).

9 §1514. Responsibilities of state agencies

10 Each agency shall determine the eligibility of individuals receiving state
11 services and benefits from the agency, including determining which individuals
12 attempting to receive such state services and benefits are "illegal aliens" or
13 "unaccompanied alien children". Each agency shall determine and collect
14 information as to what services or benefits have been afforded to "illegal aliens"
15 or "unaccompanied alien children" and calculate the total dollar amount of
16 services provided to individuals identified as "illegal aliens" or
17 "unaccompanied alien children".

18 §1515. Annual reporting requirements

19 A. Each agency shall submit an annual report to the governor, the
20 attorney general, and the legislature. The annual report shall be submitted one
21 week before the legislature convenes for its regular session and shall include all
22 of the following:

23 (1) The total number of individuals receiving state services categorized
24 by legal status.

25 (2) The total dollar amount of state services or benefits provided to all
26 individuals identified as "illegal aliens" and "unaccompanied alien children".

27 (3) A breakdown of services provided, including healthcare, education,
28 motor vehicle services, emergency preparedness, tax benefits, and other
29 relevant services and benefits.

30 (4) A summary of any actions taken to ensure compliance with federal

1 immigration law in meeting its obligations under this Chapter.

2 B. Each agency shall post the full report on publicly accessible websites
3 to ensure transparency.

4 C. Every state agency, board, and commission shall adhere to and
5 comply with federal immigration law and all other laws applicable to
6 confidentiality and privacy of the information gathered, compiled, reported,
7 and published.

8 §1516. Data collection and verification

9 A. Each agency shall implement a standardized process for verifying the
10 legal status of individuals seeking state services, which may include, ^J but is not
11 limited to any of the following:

12 (1) Requesting proof of United States citizenship or lawful presence in
13 the United States, such as a United States passport, permanent resident card,
14 or other proof of lawful presence in the United States issued by the United
15 States Department of Homeland Security or United States Department of State.

16 (2) Coordinating with the United States Department of Homeland
17 Security or other federal agencies, including but not limited to utilizing the
18 Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) online service
19 administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, to
20 verify the legal status of individuals.

21 B. Each agency shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that any state
22 service or benefit is provided only to individuals who meet the legal criteria for
23 eligibility in accordance with federal and state laws.

24 §1517. Penalties for noncompliance

25 If any agency fails to comply with the provisions of this Chapter, [✓]
26 the agency's funding may be withheld until compliance is achieved, subject to
27 applicable laws and procedures.

28 §1518. Subject to Appropriation

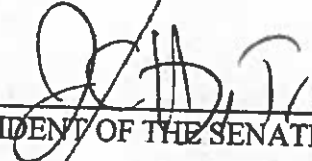
29 The implementation of this Chapter shall be subject to the appropriation
30 of funds by the legislature for this purpose.

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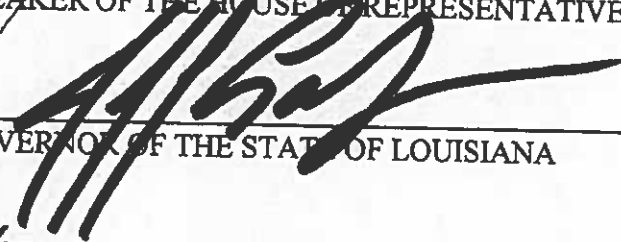
Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.



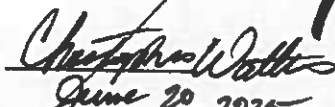
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