

SENATE BILL NO. 117

BY SENATOR HENSGENS AND REPRESENTATIVE COUSSAN

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:191(12)(b) and repeal R.S. 49:191(9)(e), relative to the Department of  
3 Natural Resources; to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Natural  
4 Resources and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide  
5 for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such  
6 statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Pursuant to R.S. 49:193, the Department of Natural Resources and the  
9 statutory entities made a part of the department by law shall be re-created effective June 30,  
10 2020, and all statutory authority therefor is continued in accordance with the provisions of  
11 Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

12 Section 2. All statutory authority for the existence of the Department of Natural  
13 Resources and the statutory entities made a part of the department as re-created by Section  
14 1 of this Act shall cease as of July 1, 2025, pursuant to R.S. 49:191. However, the  
15 Department of Natural Resources may be re-created prior to such date in accordance with  
16 the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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 The provisions of R.S. 49:193 are hereby superseded to the extent that  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

19 Section 4. R.S. 49:191(12)(b) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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

1 July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

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3 (12) July 1, 2024:

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5 **(b) The Department of Natural Resources and all statutory entities made**  
6 **a part of the department by law.**

7 Section 5. R.S. 49:191(9)(e) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

8 Section 6. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2020; if vetoed by the  
9 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on  
10 June 30, 2020, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_