

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law required the secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources to develop and adopt, in cooperation with affected industry and consumer representatives and after one or more public hearings, regulations governing solar devices.

New law retains prior law and also requires cooperation with landowners and utility and agricultural representatives in developing regulations. Also requires such regulations govern property leases for the exploration, development, and production of solar energy.

New law authorizes rules to provide for minimum requirements for property leases for the exploration, development, and production of solar energy including but not limited to acreage, access, and maintenance of the property during the lease, decommissioning and final site closure upon termination of the lease, and placement of the program within the department.

New law delays implementation of the promulgated rules until the secretary identifies funding through fees, federal grants, or other sources.

Prior law required the regulations to encourage the development and use of solar energy and to provide maximum information to the public concerning solar devices. New law retains prior law.

Prior law prohibited the secretary from precluding any person from developing, installing, or operating a solar device on his own property.

New law provides that this prohibition applies to residential use only.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 30:1154(A) and (C))