

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 73

BY SENATOR REESE

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

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL. Provides for sequestration of carbon dioxide. (8/1/25)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1105(C), relative to carbon sequestration; to provide for the jurisdiction, powers, and duties of the commissioner of conservation; to provide for public hearings, and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:1105(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1105. Hearings; notice; rules of procedures; emergency; service of process; public records; request for hearings; orders and compliance orders

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C. Any interested person has the right to have the commissioner call a hearing for the purpose of taking action in respect to a matter within the jurisdiction of the commissioner as provided in this Section by making a request therefor in writing and paying the hearing fee set by the commissioner, as provided by law for hearing conducted pursuant to R.S. 30:6. Upon receiving the request and payment of the required fees the commissioner shall promptly call a hearing. After the hearing and with all convenient speed and within thirty days after the conclusion of the hearing, the commissioner shall take whatever action he deems appropriate with

1 regard to the subject matter. **The commissioner shall give substantial**
2 **consideration to local government comments when determining the appropriate**
3 **course of action.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law grants any interested person the right to request a hearing before the commissioner by submitting a written request and paying a fee, after which the commissioner must promptly call a hearing and take appropriate action within 30 days of its conclusion.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the commissioner to give substantial consideration to local government comments when determining the appropriate course of action.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 30:1105(C))