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HOUSE BILL NO. 459

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BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

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

ENERGY/ALTERNATE: Provides for renewable energy regulation and permitting

AN ACT

2	To enact Part I and Part II of Chapter 12 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
3	1950, to be comprised of R.S. 30:1131 and 1141, relative to renewable energy
4	development; to require certain permits for renewable energy producers; to exclude
5	residential properties; to define the term "onshore"; and to provide for related
6	matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. Part I and Part II of Chapter 12 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised
9	Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 30:1131 and 1141, are hereby enacted to read as follows:
0	CHAPTER 12. RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE
1	PART I. BATTERIES
12	§1131. Permits for renewable energy batteries
13	A. No battery used for renewable energy storage facilities shall be installed
4	without the operator first obtaining a permit for installation from the Department of
15	Energy and Natural Resources.
16	B. No permit shall be issued without proof of financial security and a
17	decommissioning plan.
18	C. The secretary shall be authorized to promulgate and adopt such rules and
9	regulations as are necessary to implement this Section.
20	D. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to apply to renewable energy
21	storage for residential property use.

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1	PART II. WIND ENERGY
2	§1141. Permits for wind energy
3	A. No onshore wind project shall be constructed or completed without a
4	permit issued by the Department of Energy and Natural Resources.
5	B. No permit shall be issued without proof of financial security and a
6	decommissioning plan.
7	C. The secretary shall be authorized to promulgate and adopt such rules and
8	regulations as are necessary to implement this Section.
9	D. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to apply to wind projects for
10	residential property use.
11	E. As used in this Part, "onshore" shall mean land-based wind turbines and
12	those that are located on inland water bodies.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires permits from the Department of Energy and Natural Resources for renewable energy projects with the exception of residential property use.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires operators of renewable energy storage facilities to obtain a permit for installation and decommissioning from the Dept. of Energy and Natural Resources (DENR) prior to installing a battery.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires a permit to construct or complete an onshore wind project from the DENR.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the issuance of a permit for renewable energy projects without proof of financial security and a decommissioning plan.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the secretary of the dept. to promulgate and adopt regulations necessary for the enforcement of <u>proposed law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> excludes residential properties from applicability of <u>proposed law</u>.

Proposed law provides a definition for "onshore".

(Adds R.S. 30:1131 and 1141)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment</u> to the <u>original bill</u>:

- 1. Provide an exclusion for applicability of <u>proposed law</u> to residential property use.
- 2. Define "onshore" as land-based wind turbines and those located on inland water bodies.
- 3. Make technical changes.