

SENATE BILL NO. 127

BY SENATOR BASS

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2014.5, relative to permitting of advanced nuclear power  
3 generation; to provide for development of a permitting program; to provide for  
4 expedited processing of environmental permits; to provide for compliance; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:2014.5 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2014.5. Expedited permitting program

9 A. The secretary is authorized to develop and implement a program to  
10 expedite the processing of permits, modifications, licenses, registrations, or variances  
11 for environmental permit applicants who may request such services and the secretary  
12 shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act which shall  
13 include a notice that indicates such permit is an expedited permit.

14 B.(1) The secretary is authorized to develop and implement a federal  
15 permitting parity program for nuclear power generation to expedite the  
16 processing of permits, modifications, registrations, or variances for  
17 environmental permit applications submitted by an electric public utility as  
18 defined in R.S. 45:121. In addition to an application for an expedited permit, the  
19 electric public utility shall submit to the secretary the following:

20 (a) That the purpose of the application is the development and  
21 construction of a small modular reactor.

22 (b) That the application is submitted by an electric public utility that  
23 states the application is consistent in all material respects with the elements  
24 identified in a letter of collaboration that has been entered into between the  
25 electric public utility and the president of the United States, the United States

1        Department of Defense, the United States Department of Energy, the United  
2        States Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of State, the  
3        United States Department of the Interior, the United States Environmental  
4        Protection Agency, or the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; the  
5        letter of collaboration shall be on file with the department.

6                (2) The secretary shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative  
7        Procedure Act which shall include a notice that indicates such permit is issued  
8        pursuant to the federal permitting parity program for nuclear power  
9        generation.

10               (3) For purposes of this Section, "electric public utility" shall include the  
11        definition provided in R.S. 45:121, in addition to any provider, operator, owner,  
12        generator, developer, designer, or customer of a small modular reactor.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_