

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 79

BY SENATOR MIZELL

SUNSET LAW. Re-creates Louisiana Economic Development. (6/30/26)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(3)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(1)(a), relative to Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for the re-creation of Louisiana Economic Development and the statutory entities made a part of Louisiana Economic Development by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Pursuant to R.S. 49:193, Louisiana Economic Development and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law shall be re-created effective June 30, 2026, and all statutory authority therefor is continued in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statues of 1950.

Section 2. All statutory authority for the existence of Louisiana Economic Development and the statutory entities made a part of the department as re-created by Section 1 of this Act shall cease as of July 1, 2031, pursuant to R.S. 49:191. However, Louisiana Economic Development may be re-created prior to such date in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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 The provisions of R.S. 49:193 are hereby superseded to the extent that  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

3 Section 4. R.S. 49:191(3)(b) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

6 Notwithstanding any termination dates set by any previous Act of the  
7 legislature, the statutory entities set forth in this Section shall begin to terminate their  
8 operations on July first of each of the following years, and all legislative authority  
9 for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of  
10 July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

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12 (3) July 1, 2030:

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14 **(b) Louisiana Economic Development and all statutory entities made a**  
15 **part of the department by law.**

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17 Section 5. R.S. 49:191(1)(a) is repealed in its entirety.

18 Section 6. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2026; if vetoed by the  
19 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on  
20 the day following such approval by the legislature or June 30, 2026, whichever is later.

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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)]

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Present law (sunset law) provides that La. Economic Development and all the statutory entities made a part of that department by law shall begin to terminate their operations on July 1, 2026, and that all legislative authority for such entities shall cease as of July 1, 2027, unless the legislature enacts a bill authorizing the re-creation of the department and its statutory entities prior thereto.

Proposed law provides for the general re-creation of the La. Economic Development and its statutory entities, effective June 30, 2026, in accordance with the sunset law. Supersedes the provisions of the sunset law which set out the procedure for review and re-creation and

which require a separate bill to re-create each statutory entity within the department along with additional provisions. July 1, 2031, is the new termination date, and the termination would begin July 1, 2030, unless the department is again re-created.

Effective June 30, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 49:191(3)(b); repeals R.S. 49:191(1)(a))