

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 280

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

CONTRACTORS. Provides relative to the authority of the State Licensing Board for Contractors to issue certain licenses. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:2150.1(25) and 2156.5, relative to the State Licensing Board for
3 Contractors; to provide relative to well drilling; to provide for licensure; to provide
4 for contractor classifications; to provide for terms and definitions; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 2150.1(25) and 2156.5 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2150.1. Definitions

9 As used in this Chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

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11 **(25) "Well drilling" means either:**

12 **Environmental drilling, which is the drilling, construction, maintenance,**
13 **repair, abandoning, plugging, and sealing of any well or hole drilled or**
14 **constructed to obtain a sample for environmental assessment, sampling, or**
15 **analyzation.**

16 **Water drilling, which is the drilling, construction, maintenance, repair,**
17 **abandoning, plugging, and sealing of water wells for potable and nonpotable**

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§2156.5. Wells; well drilling

Beginning July 1, 2026, any person who advertises, solicits, undertakes, attempts, offers, or submits a price, bid, quote or estimate to construct, supervise, direct, oversee, or perform any construction, modification, repair, or maintenance of any portion of any water well, environmental well, or sampling well for which the project value is one dollar or more shall hold the appropriate license and classification.

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 provides for the regulation and licensure of contractors.

Present law provides for definitions.

Proposed law retains present law and defines "well drilling" to include environmental drilling and water drilling. Provides that "environmental drilling" means the drilling, construction, maintenance, repair, abandoning, plugging, and sealing of wells or holes drilled to obtain samples for environmental assessment or analysis. Provides that "water drilling" means the drilling, construction, maintenance, repair, abandoning, plugging, and sealing of water wells for potable and nonpotable water.

Proposed law requires that beginning July 1, 2026, the appropriate license classification be held for any person who advertises, solicits, undertakes, attempts, offers, or submits a price, bid, quote, or estimate to construct, supervise, direct, or oversee, perform, modify, repair, or maintain any portion of a water well, environmental well, or sampling well.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 37:2150.1(25) and 2156.5)