

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 349

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SUNSET LAW. Re-creates Department of Agriculture and Forestry. (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)(k), relative to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the statutory entities made a part of the department 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, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law shall be re-created effective June 30, 2026, and all statutory authority therefore is continued in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Section 2. All statutory authority for the existence of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry 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, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry 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

Proposed law supersedes the provisions of the "sunset" law which requires a separate bill to re-create each statutory entity within the department.

Proposed law makes July 1, 2031, the new termination date and termination would begin July 1, 2030, unless the department is re-created again.

Effective June 30, 2026.

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