

SENATE BILL NO. 280

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:2150.1(25) and (26) and 2156.5, relative to the state Licensing Board for
3 Contractors; to provide relative to water well drilling; to provide relative to
4 environmental wells or holes; to provide for licensure and registration requirements;
5 to provide for contractor classifications; to provide for terms and definitions; to
6 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:2150.1(25) and (26) and 2156.5 are hereby enacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §2150.1. Definitions

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

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13 **(25) "Environmental well or hole" is a specialized boring that includes**
14 **but is not limited to observation, monitor, piezometer, recovery, horizontal**
15 **boring, cathodic protection, or geotechnical boreholes for the purposes of**
16 **environmental assessment, sampling, or analyzation.**

17 **(26) "Water well drilling" means drilling for the purposes of extracting**
18 **ground water which includes but is not limited to the drilling, construction,**
19 **maintenance, repair, abandoning, plugging, or sealing water wells for potable**
20 **and nonpotable water.**

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22 **§2156.5. Water well drilling**

23 **A. Any person who advertises, solicits, undertakes, attempts, offers, or**
24 **submits a price, bid, quote, or estimate to construct, supervise, direct, oversee,**
25 **or perform any construction, modification, repair, or maintenance of any**
26 **portion of any water well, or environmental well or hole for which the project**
27 **value is one dollar or more shall hold the appropriate license and classification.**

1 **B. A water well contractor and environmental well or hole contractor**
 2 **shall pass the appropriate examination, be registered with the State Licensing**
 3 **Board for Contractors, be in good standing with the Department of**
 4 **Conservation and Energy, and meet all other licensure requirements of a**
 5 **contractor pursuant to this Chapter.**

6 **C. A water well contractor and environmental well or hole contractor**
 7 **shall complete five hours of continuing education annually from a provider**
 8 **approved by the board and maintain well registration with the Department of**
 9 **Conservation and Energy pursuant to R.S. 38:3097.3.**

10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____