

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 292

BY SENATOR HEWITT

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. Provides for regulation of greenhouse emissions. (8/1/22)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:2053(10) and 2054.1, relative to air quality; to provide for definitions; to
3 prohibit the adoption and enforcement of certain programs; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 30:2053(10) and 2054.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §2053. Definitions

8 As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed
9 to them in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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11 **(10) "Greenhouse gas" means carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide,**
12 **sulfur hexafluoride, hydrofluorocarbon, and perfluorocarbon.**

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14 **§2054.1. Specific legislative authority required**

15 **Notwithstanding any other law, neither the department nor any other**
16 **state agency shall adopt or enforce a state or regional program to regulate**
17 **greenhouse gas emissions for the purposes of addressing changes in atmospheric**

- 1 **temperature without specific legislative authorization, including, but not limited**
- 2 **to the following:**
- 3 **(1) State plans developed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7402, 7410, 7411, 7415,**
- 4 **or 7545.**
- 5 **(2) State plans developed as a result of the Governor's 2022 Louisiana**
- 6 **Climate Action Plan for reaching net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.**
- 7 **(3) Low carbon fuel standards.**
- 8 **(4) Plans or programs enabling regulation of mobile or stationary**
- 9 **sources, greenhouse gas taxes or fees, or greenhouse gas trading.**
- 10 **(5) State or regional programs prompted by the participation of the**
- 11 **United States in international treaties or executive agreements or interstate**
- 12 **compacts or agreements.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tyler S. McCloud.

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Proposed law prohibits the Dept. of Environmental Quality or any other state agency adopting or enforcing a state or regional program to regulate greenhouse gas emissions for the purposes of addressing changes in atmospheric temperature without specific legislative authorization.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 30:2053(10) and 2054.1)