AN ACT

To enact R.S. 51:3061(3) and 3062(6), relative to the Louisiana Renewable Energy Development Act; to provide for legislative findings; to define the term "biomass"; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 51:3061(3) and 3062(6) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3061. Legislative findings

The legislature hereby finds and declares that:

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(3) Energy produced from forest products manufacturing bioenergy feedstocks shall be considered renewable and carbon neutral.

§3062. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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(6) "Biomass" means forest products manufacturing bioenergy feedstocks, which may include but not be limited to the following:

(a) Forest products manufacturing residuals, including but not limited to spent pulping liquors, pulping by-products, woody manufacturing residuals, paper
recycling residuals, wastewater and process water treatment plant residuals, and
anaerobic digester biogas.

(b) Harvest residues, including trees or portions of harvested trees that are
too small or of too poor quality to be utilized for wood products or paper products.

(c) Downed wood from extreme weather events and natural disasters,
nonhazardous landscape or right-of-way trimmings and municipal trimmings, and
plant material removed for purposes of invasive or noxious plant species control;
biowaste, including landfill gas.

(d) Forest biomass derived from residues created as a by-product of timber
harvesting, including but not limited to low-value wood, treetops, and tree limbs.

(e) Forest management activities conducted for stand improvement or to
increase yield, ecological restoration, or to maintain or enhance forest health
including but not limited to hazardous fuels reduction.

(f) Biomass materials recognized by the United State Environmental
Protection Agency as fuels under 40 CFR Part 241.4.

(g) Other used wood products, such as crates or pallets.

Section 2. The Louisiana Law Institute is directed to alphabetize and renumber the
terms defined in R.S. 51:3062, as amended by the provisions of this Act.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for legislative findings and defines "biomass" within the Louisiana
Renewable Energy Development Act.

Proposed law provides that the legislature finds and declares energy produced from forest
products manufacturing bioenergy feedstocks are considered renewable and carbon neutral.

Proposed law defines "biomass" as any forest products manufacturing bioenergy feedstocks,
which may include but not be limited to the following:

(a) Forest products manufacturing residuals, including but not limited to spent pulping
liquors, pulping by-products, woody manufacturing residuals, paper recycling
residuals, wastewater and process water treatment plant residuals, and anaerobic
digester biogas.

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are additions.
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(Adds R.S. 51:3061(3) and 3062(6))