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<u>Present law</u> grants the commissioner the authority to establish rules and regulations for administering and enforcing laws related to carbon sequestration.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides for the commissioner's authority to require the plugging of abandoned wells, closure of associated surface facilities, removal of equipment and structures, disposal of trash, and general site cleanup.

<u>Present law</u> grants the commissioner authority to conduct investigations, inspections, and inquiries related to waste prevention and enforcement within carbon storage operations.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further requires operators to submit an emergency contact phone number for rapid response in case of an emergency.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the commissioner to approve unit operations for geologic storage to promote efficient development and prevent waste.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides that the commissioner may include necessary areal buffers and subsurface monitoring zones in unitization orders, allowing for the pooling and consolidation of separately owned tracts for geologic storage.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 30:1104(A)(2)(d) and (3) and 1104.2(A))