

SENATE BILL NO. 127

BY SENATOR BASS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2014.5, relative to permitting of advanced nuclear power generation; to provide for development of a permitting program; to provide for expedited processing of environmental permits; to provide for compliance; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:2014.5 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2014.5. Expedited permitting program

A. The secretary is authorized to develop and implement a program to expedite the processing of permits, modifications, licenses, registrations, or variances for environmental permit applicants who may request such services and the secretary shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act which shall include a notice that indicates such permit is an expedited permit.

B.(1) The secretary is authorized to develop and implement a federal permitting parity program for nuclear power generation to expedite the processing of permits, modifications, registrations, or variances for environmental permit applications submitted by an electric public utility as defined in R.S. 45:121. In addition to an application for an expedited permit, the electric public utility shall submit to the secretary the following:

(a) That the purpose of the application is the development and construction of a small modular reactor.

(b) That the application is submitted by an electric public utility that states the application is consistent in all material respects with the elements identified in a letter of collaboration that has been entered into between the electric public utility and the president of the United States, the United States

1 Department of Defense, the United States Department of Energy, the United
 2 States Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of State, the
 3 United States Department of the Interior, the United States Environmental
 4 Protection Agency, or the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; the
 5 letter of collaboration shall be on file with the department.

6 (2) The secretary shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative
 7 Procedure Act which shall include a notice that indicates such permit is issued
 8 pursuant to the federal permitting parity program for nuclear power
 9 generation.

10 (3) For purposes of this Section, "electric public utility" shall include the
 11 definition provided in R.S. 45:121, in addition to any provider, operator, owner,
 12 generator, developer, designer, or customer of a small modular reactor.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____