

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 280

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

CONTRACTORS. Provides relative to the authority of the State Licensing Board for Contractors to issue certain licenses. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:2150.1(25) and 2156.5, relative to the State Licensing Board for
3 Contractors; to provide relative to well drilling; to provide for licensure and
4 registration requirements; to provide for contractor classifications; to provide for
5 terms and definitions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 2150.1(25) and 2156.5 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2150.1. Definitions

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

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11 **(25) "Well drilling" means either:**

12 **Environmental drilling, which is the drilling, construction, maintenance,**
13 **repair, abandoning, plugging, and sealing of any well or hole drilled or**
14 **constructed to obtain a sample for environmental assessment, sampling, or**
15 **analyzation.**

16 **Water drilling, which is the drilling, construction, maintenance, repair,**
17 **abandoning, plugging, and sealing of water wells for potable and nonpotable**

Proposed law requires a well contractor to pass the appropriate examination, be registered and in good standing with the Dept. of Conservation and Energy, and meet all other licensure requirements of a contractor.

Proposed law requires a well contractor to complete five hours of continuing education annually from a provider approved by the board and maintain well registration with the Dept. of Conservation and Energy.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 37:2150.1(25) and 2156.5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Provides for licensure requirements for well contractors.
2. Provides for continuing education for well contractors. Requires a well contractor to complete five hours of continuing education annually and to maintain well registration with the Dept. of Conservation and Energy.
3. Requires well contractors maintain well registration with the Dept. of Conservation and Energy.
4. Makes technical changes.