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Present law provides for the regulation and licensure of contractors.

Present law provides for definitions.

Proposed law retains present law and defines "well drilling" to include environmental drilling and water drilling. Provides that "environmental drilling" means the drilling, construction, maintenance, repair, abandoning, plugging, and sealing of wells or holes drilled or constructed to obtain samples for environmental assessment or analysis. Provides that "water drilling" means the drilling, construction, maintenance, repair, abandoning, plugging, and sealing of water wells for potable and nonpotable water.

Proposed law requires that beginning July 1, 2026, the appropriate license classification be held by any person who advertises, solicits, undertakes, attempts, offers, or submits a price, bid, quote, or estimate to construct, supervise, direct, oversee, or perform any construction, modification, repair, or maintenance of any portion of a water well, environmental well, or sampling well.

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.