

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law provided that the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and all statutory entities made a part of that department by law begin to terminate their operations on July 1, 2026, and that all legislative authority for such entities must cease as of July 1, 2027, unless the legislature enacted a bill authorizing the re-creation of the department and its statutory entities prior thereto.

New law provides for the general re-creation of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and its statutory entities, effective June 30, 2026, in accordance with the "sunset" law.

New law supersedes the provisions of the "sunset" law which requires a separate bill to re-create each statutory entity within the department.

New law makes July 1, 2031, the new termination date and termination would begin July 1, 2030, unless the department is re-created again.

Effective June 30, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 49:191(3)(b); repeals R.S. 49:191(1)(k))