

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 688

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Chapter 20 of Subtitle II of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised States of 1950 comprised of R.S. 30:2501 through 2521, the heading of Part I of Chapter 21 of Subtitle II of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 30:2531(C)(4), R.S. 47:463.43(Section Heading), and R.S. 56:10(B)(15) and to repeal R.S. 30:2521 through 2530, 2537 through 2543, and 2546(D) and R.S. 36:239(B)(6), relative to environmental education and litter reduction; to provide relative to the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries relative to environmental education and litter reduction; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 20 of Subtitle II of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised States of 1950 comprised of R.S. 30:2501 through 2521, the heading of Part I of Chapter 21 of Subtitle II of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and R.S. 30:2531(C)(4) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 20. LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND LITTER  
REDUCTION ACT

§2501. Title

This Chapter may be cited as the "Louisiana Environmental Education and  
Litter Reduction Act".

1           §2502. Legislative findings

2           A. It is in the public interest that a comprehensive and balanced  
3 environmental education initiative be undertaken that will result in environmentally  
4 literate citizens who will effectively and constructively solve existing environmental  
5 problems, prevent new ones, and maintain a sustainable environment for future  
6 generations. The appropriate audiences for environmental education include formal  
7 education, business, government, nonprofit organizations, and citizens.

8           B. Characteristics of an environmentally literate citizenry must include:

9           (1) An understanding of the right of every person to own, control, use, enjoy,  
10 and dispose of private property, subject only to reasonable regulation.

11           (2) An understanding that the Louisiana Constitution requires the use of a  
12 balancing process in environmental protection decisions in which environmental  
13 costs and benefits must be given full and careful consideration along with economic,  
14 social, and other factors.

15           (3) Ecological literacy, including a basic understanding of ecological  
16 principles and concepts and their application, the cause and effect relationship  
17 between human health and the environment, and the economics of that relationship.

18           (4) Civic literacy, including a basic understanding of the decisionmaking  
19 processes of governments, business, and other social, political, and economic  
20 institutions impinging upon environmental issues.

21           (5) Mathematical, technological, and scientific literacy, including an  
22 understanding of the basic concepts of mathematics and science to evaluate  
23 environmental problems and make sound decisions regarding their resolution.

24           (6) Personal and social action skills, including developing and using skills  
25 such as problem solving, risk analysis, and integrating diverse perspectives to  
26 understand and contribute to decision-making processes.

27           (7) Attitudes, including the expression of care for other humans, present and  
28 future, and for other components of the environment. These attitudes also affect  
29 understanding of ecology and civic responsibility.

1 (8) Motivation for action, including the commitment to act for a healthy  
2 environment based on one's attitudes, knowledge, and skills.

3 C. The legislature declares that it is the intent of this Chapter to create a  
4 balanced statewide environmental education program for the purpose of identifying  
5 the needs and setting priorities for environmental education within the state.

6 §2503. Louisiana Environmental Education Commission; creation; membership;  
7 duties

8 A.(1) There is hereby created, within the Department of Wildlife and  
9 Fisheries, the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission, hereinafter referred  
10 to as the "commission".

11 (2) The commission shall consist of the secretary of the Department of  
12 Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee, the state superintendent of education or his  
13 designee, the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality or his designee,  
14 the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources or his designee, the secretary  
15 of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee, the commissioner of the  
16 Department of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee, the chancellor of the  
17 Louisiana State University Agricultural Center or his designee, the chancellor of  
18 Southern University Agricultural and Mechanical College or his designee, and the  
19 following members appointed by the governor:

20 (a) One member of the Board of Regents or his designee.

21 (b) Two members representing environmental advocacy organizations.

22 (c) Two members representing the industrial community.

23 (d) One member representing the small business community.

24 (e) One member representing local governments.

25 (f) One member of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

26 (g) One member who is a professional environmental scientist.

27 (h) Seven environmental educators, one from each congressional district and  
28 the remaining environmental educator or educators from the state at large, to be  
29 recommended by the president of the Louisiana Environmental Educators  
30 Association.

1 (i) One member of the Louisiana Science Teachers' Association.

2 (j) The secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or  
3 his designee.

4 B. The initial term of the members of the commission shall be staggered in  
5 one, two, or three-year increments. After the initial term, all future terms shall be for  
6 three years. Annually, in December of each year, the commission shall elect a  
7 chairman and vice chairman whose terms shall commence on the following January  
8 first and end on December thirty-first.

9 C. The commission shall:

10 (1) Develop, review, approve, and transmit a plan for environmental  
11 education to the governor, the legislature, and the public.

12 (2) Advise and assist the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and  
13 Fisheries, the governor, the legislature, the secretary of the Department of  
14 Environmental Quality, and other state agencies, including university extension  
15 services, conservation and environmental organizations, community action groups,  
16 and nature and environmental centers on policies and practices needed to provide  
17 environmental education.

18 (3) Serve as a forum for the discussion and study of problems that affect the  
19 environment and environmental education.

20 (4) Assist and obtain information from various sources to coordinate the  
21 environmental education programs of federal and state agencies.

22 ~~§2522.~~ §2504. Definitions

23 As used in this Part, the following words have the meanings ascribed to them  
24 unless the context requires otherwise:

25 (1) "Commission" means the Louisiana ~~Litter Reduction and Public Action~~  
26 Environmental Education Commission.

27 (2) "Department" means the Department of ~~Environmental Quality~~ Wildlife  
28 and Fisheries.

29 (3) "Dispose" means to throw, discard, place, deposit, discharge, burn, dump,  
30 drop, eject, or allow the escape of a substance.

(4) "Litter" means all waste material except as provided and defined in R.S. 30:2173(2), including but not limited to disposable packages, containers, sand, gravel, rubbish, cans, bottles, refuse, garbage, trash, cigarettes, cigarette butts, cigars, cigarillos, cigar or cigarillo tips, debris, dead animals, furniture or appliances, automotive parts including but not limited to tires and engines, trailers, boats and boating accessories, tools and equipment, and building materials, roofing nails, or other discarded materials of any kind and description. While being used for or distributed in accordance with their intended uses, litter shall not include political pamphlets, handbills, religious tracts and newspapers, and other similar printed materials, the unsolicited distribution of which is protected by the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of Louisiana. Litter shall not include agricultural products that are being transported from the harvest or collection site to a processing or market site if reasonable measures are taken to prevent the agricultural product from leaving the transporting vehicle. Litter shall also not include recyclable cardboard being transported in compressed bundles to processing facilities. "Agricultural product" as used in this definition means all crops, livestock, poultry, and forestry, and all aquacultural, floracultural, horticultural, silvicultural, and viticultural products.

(5) "Local governing authority" means the governing authority of the parish or the governing authority of the municipality in which the littering offense was committed.

(6) "Public or private property" means the right-of-way of any road or highway, levee, any body of water or watercourse or the shores or beaches thereof, any park, playground, building, refuge, or conservation or recreation area, and residential or farm properties, timberlands, or forests.

(7) "Section" means the environmental education and litter reduction and public action section located within and acting through the Department of Environmental Quality Wildlife and Fisheries.

1           ~~§2524.~~ §2505. Donations and grants; Louisiana Litter Abatement Grant Program

2           A. The section is hereby authorized to accept, administer, and make use of  
3           federal, state, and any local and private appropriations, any public and private grants  
4           and donations, and, when it is deemed appropriate and feasible, to accept  
5           nonmonetary funding in the form of services or equipment for use in connection with  
6           any of the programs or purposes of this Part.

7           B.(1) The Louisiana Litter Abatement Grant Program is hereby created  
8           within the section for the purpose of supporting community-based litter abatement  
9           programs.

10          (2) Grants through the program shall be made available to local governments  
11          and nonprofit organizations. Funding through the grant program shall be subject to  
12          the availability of funds and shall be awarded on a comparative basis to be  
13          determined by the section.

14          (3) The monies awarded through the grants shall be used to further the  
15          administration and execution of the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Program. Allowable  
16          uses of grant funding shall include but not be limited to the following:

17               (a) Keep America Beautiful fees.

18               (b) Keep America Beautiful pre-certification training, education curriculums,  
19               and workshops.

20               (c) Law enforcement seminars.

21               (d) Litter surveys.

22               (e) Projects, services, activities, and operational costs of litter abatement  
23               programs.

24               (f) Materials and services for program development and training.

25               (g) Direct expenditures for materials that can facilitate litter reduction,  
26               recycling, waste reduction, reuse, and general solid waste management programs.

27               (h) Minimal advertising, public relations, and promotional materials  
28               necessary for publicity and promotion of program activities.

29               (i) Salary of the program coordinator and staff.

1           (4) Each successful applicant shall supplement grant funds with a  
2           twenty-five percent match from other sources. All matching funds must be available  
3           to the program after the date of the grant award, and funds spent prior to the grant  
4           award shall not be considered in fulfillment of the match requirement.

5           ~~(5) The department, in cooperation with the section, shall promulgate rules~~  
6           ~~and regulations to implement this Subsection which shall include but not be limited~~  
7           ~~to program submission and program administration requirements.~~

8           ~~§2525. Litter reduction and public action section;~~ §2506. Environmental Education  
9           and Litter Reduction Section; staff; powers and duties; cooperation; funding

10          A. There is hereby created, within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries,  
11          office of wildlife, the environmental education and litter reduction section which  
12          shall, ~~under the direction of its coordinator,~~ assist the commission and perform  
13          responsibilities relative to education and litter control as provided for in this Chapter.  
14          Insofar as funds are appropriated, ~~additional staff shall be allowed~~ may be employed  
15          under the direction and control of the secretary and in accordance with policies of the  
16          department.

17          B. The section shall implement the provisions of this Part relative to  
18          environmental education, including the following:

19               (1) ~~To administer~~ Administer and implement environmental education  
20               programs on behalf of the commission.

21               (2) Review the status of and design plans for environmental education in the  
22               state regularly at the direction and with the assistance of the commission.

23               (3) ~~To implement~~ Implement, administer and evaluate a grants programs  
24               benefiting K-12 students, graduate researchers, professional development, and other  
25               initiatives supporting environmental education.

26               ~~(3) (4) To promote~~ Promote and aid in the establishment and assessment of  
27               elementary and secondary school environmental education programs through  
28               cooperation with the Department of Education and the Board of Elementary and  
29               Secondary Education.

(4) (5) ~~To promote~~ Promote and aid in the development of pre-service and in-service environmental education programs for environmental educators, formal and non-formal, through cooperation with the Board of Regents and the state's colleges and universities.

(5) (6) ~~To cooperate~~ Cooperate with state and federal agencies and the private sector in developing, promoting, conducting, and evaluating programs of environmental education.

(6) (7) ~~To function~~ Function as an environmental education clearinghouse by doing the following:

(a) Reviewing and recommending environmental education materials

(b) Establishing an electronic capacity to disseminate databases of environmental education information, formal and non-formal, and to network with interstate and federal programs.

(c) Cooperating with state and federal agencies and organizations in the development and distribution of an environmental education newsletter.

(7) (8) ~~To promote~~ Promote the development of cooperative environmental education initiatives with the private sector.

(8) (9) ~~To initiate~~ Initiate, develop, implement, assess, and market non-formal environmental education programs; facilitate, encourage, and support multi-school district cooperative efforts to determine the need for, develop, and assess environmental education curricula, promote state government and private sector policy that is consistent with the environmental education strategic plan ~~established~~; and coordinate non-formal environmental education with elementary, secondary, and postsecondary environmental education programs.

(9) (10) ~~To coordinate~~ Coordinate environmental education conferences to assist in the dissemination, development, and achievement of the state's environmental education goals.

(10) C. The section shall ~~perform and have~~ implement responsibilities the provisions of this Part relative to litter control awareness, including the following:



1           ~~as provided for in sections 2522, 2524, 2525 beginning with C., 2530, 2537-2541,~~  
2           ~~2547, 2548~~

3           (1) Develop and implement publicity, educational, and motivational  
4           campaigns to build and sustain public awareness of litter and of the unacceptability  
5           of littering and to create a litterless ethic.

6           (2) Serve as the coordinating agency between various government and  
7           private organizations seeking to aid in litter control and reduction and recycling  
8           efforts.

9           (3) Assist local governments in the adoption and revision of ordinances  
10          aimed at litter control and reduction.

11          (4) Encourage, organize, and coordinate voluntary campaigns seeking to  
12          focus the attention of the public on programs to control and reduce litter and increase  
13          public awareness.

14          (5) Provide encouragement of and increased funds for litter cleanup and  
15          collection, litter prevention, and cleanup equipment.

16          (6) Promote litter abatement and control and encourage recycling.

17          (7) Promote public awareness and education.

18          (8) Assist local governments, industries, and other organizations which aid  
19          in anti-litter efforts.

20          (9) Cooperate with local governments to accomplish coordination of local  
21          anti-litter efforts.

22          (10) Encourage, organize, and coordinate voluntary local anti-litter  
23          campaigns seeking to focus the attention and participation of the public on the laws  
24          of this state enacted to control and remove litter and to provide for the recycling of  
25          trash materials.

26          (11) Investigate the availability of and apply for funds from any private or  
27          public source to be used for the purposes of this Part.

28          (12) Exchange information directly with judges, district and municipal  
29          attorneys, Louisiana state police, and local law enforcement officers on enforcement  
30          mechanics and offer technical assistance.

1           (13) Award grants and provide financial assistance on a local level in  
2 accordance with rules adopted pursuant to this Part in order to achieve the purposes  
3 of this Part and award certificates of achievement for litter abatement.

4           (14) Investigate methods, and monitor effectiveness of this Part and of  
5 techniques in the control of litter and develop, encourage, and coordinate litter  
6 control within the state.

7           (15) Provide an annual report to the House Committee on Natural Resources  
8 and Environment and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources giving details  
9 regarding the success of the section's efforts to comply with the above duties or any  
10 other duties required of it by law.

11           (16) Approve and disburse financial assistance to any local government or  
12 nonprofit organization which, in written application, seeks such assistance to  
13 implement a local litter prevention or abatement program.

14 ~~§2529.~~ §2507. Removal of litter; responsibility

15           The duty to remove litter from receptacles placed at ~~publicly-owned~~ publicly  
16 owned parks, beaches, campgrounds, trailer parks, roadside parks, and other property  
17 shall remain with those state and local agencies performing litter removal within  
18 their respective jurisdictions. The duty to remove litter from litter receptacles placed  
19 on private property which is used by the public shall remain with the owner.

20 ~~§2530.~~ §2508. Anti-litter campaign; industrial and civic cooperation requested

21           In order to aid in the statewide anti-litter campaign authorized by this Part,  
22 ~~the commission and~~ the section ~~shall~~ may solicit the assistance and active  
23 cooperation of industry and private civic organizations which are active in anti-litter  
24 efforts with ~~the commission and~~ the section or a local government as approved under  
25 authority of this Part so that additional effect may be given to the campaign to  
26 eradicate litter within the state.

27 ~~§2537.~~ §2509. Adopt-a-beach program

28           In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities assigned to it under R.S.  
29 30:2521, the section ~~shall~~ may develop a program to be known as "adopt-a-beach",  
30 whereby an industry or a private civic organization may adopt one mile of Louisiana

beach for the sole purpose of controlling litter along that section of beach. Included in the responsibilities of any industry or private civic organization which chooses to participate in the program shall be the following:

(1) Development of a functional plan to influence and encourage the public to improve the appearance of the adopted section of beach.

(2) A general ~~clean-up~~ clean-up of the area at least twice a year.

(3) Assistance to the section in securing media coverage for the program.

~~§2538.~~ §2510. ~~Trash bash program~~ Community improvement program

In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities assigned to it under R.S. 30:2521, the section ~~shall develop~~ may coordinate a community improvement program ~~known as "trash bash program"~~, whereby an annual ~~coordinated~~ cleanup ~~shall~~ may be conducted during the spring ~~Easter weekend~~ encouraging local groups to clean streets, alleys, public areas, adopted roads and beaches, and state and parish highways in surrounding areas. Beautification programs ~~shall~~ may be conducted along with the ~~trash bash program~~ clean up programs at schools, public buildings and grounds, median areas, entrances to subdivisions, commercial areas, and other similar areas. Graffiti removal and excess signage removal programs ~~shall~~ may be held simultaneously.

~~§2539.~~ §2511. Beach sweep program

In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities assigned to it ~~under R.S. 30:2521~~, the section ~~shall~~ may develop a program ~~known as "beach sweep program"~~ propose and encourage programs whereby ~~an annual~~ coordinated ~~cleanup~~ ~~shall~~ cleanups may be conducted ~~of on~~ the state's ~~seventy-six miles of~~ beaches. The beach sweep program ~~shall be conducted in September along with the other gulf states, and~~ ~~shall~~ may consist of removing debris and trash while conducting data collection to ~~ascertain sources of~~ on marine debris.

~~§2540.~~ §2512. Inland water cleanup

In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities assigned to it ~~under R.S. 30:2521~~, the section ~~shall develop a program known as "~~ may promote and encourage inland water ~~cleanup"~~ cleanups whereby a waterway cleanup ~~shall~~ may

be conducted annually by local groups to clean rivers, bayous, lakes, streams, and other waterways encouraging beautification through ~~proper waste disposal and handling and placement of litter receptacles at parking lots and dock sites bordering waterway entrances and exits~~ removal of litter and debris.

~~§2541.~~ §2513. Boaters' and fishermen's pledge

In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities assigned to it ~~under R.S. 30:2521~~, the section ~~shall develop~~ may promote and encourage a program known as "boaters' and fishermen's pledge" whereby the program ~~shall~~ may be conducted asking sportsmen to sign a commitment to bring trash and debris generated in their vehicle or boat back home or to proper disposal receptacles.

~~§2547.~~ §2514. Adopt-a-byway program

A. In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities assigned to it ~~under R.S. 30:2521~~, the section ~~shall~~ may develop promote and encourage a program to be known as "adopt-a-byway", whereby an organization which owns, uses, or leases property adjacent to a parish maintained road may adopt a section of such road for the sole purpose of controlling litter along that section. Included in the responsibilities of any organization which chooses to participate in the program ~~shall~~ may be the following:

(1) Development of a functional plan to influence and encourage the public to improve the appearance of the adopted section of the road.

(2) A general cleanup of the area at least twice a year.

(3) Assistance to the section in securing media coverage for the program.

B. Any parish or municipality which develops an "adopt-a-byway" program shall coordinate the adoption of rules governing the program with the section.

C. Any parish or municipality which develops an "adopt-a-byway" program may use funds received from the collection of fines provided for under the provisions of R.S. 30:2532(A) to place a sign upon a portion of a road identifying the organization which has adopted such portion of the road.

~~(R.S. 30:2548(C))~~ D. The Department of Transportation and Development may promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Section

regarding the placement, construction, and maintenance of the signs provided for in this Section.

~~§2548.~~ §2515. Adopt a Water Body program

A. In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities assigned to it ~~under R.S. 30:2521~~, the section ~~shall develop~~ may promote and encourage a program to be known as "Adopt a Water Body", whereby a business or a private civic organization may adopt a portion of a public bayou, stream, creek, river, or lake for the sole purpose of controlling litter. Included in the responsibilities of any business or private civic organization which chooses to participate in the program ~~shall be the following~~ may be as follows:

(1) Development of a functional plan to influence and encourage the public to improve the appearance of the adopted portion of a public water body.

(2) A general cleanup of the area at least twice a year.

(3) Assistance to the section in securing media coverage for the program.

B. Any organization which adopts a portion of a public bayou, stream, creek, river, or lake may place a sign identifying the organization on an interstate highway or state highway within two hundred feet of the adopted water body upon approval of the Department of Transportation and Development. Such a sign may also be placed on the bank of the adopted water body with the approval of the riparian landowner.

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## CHAPTER 21. STATEWIDE BEAUTIFICATION

### PART I. LOUISIANA LITTER ~~REDUCTION AND~~

#### ~~PUBLIC ACTION COMMISSION~~ VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

§2531. Intentional littering prohibited; criminal penalties; simple littering prohibited; civil penalties; special court costs

\* \* \*

1 C. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall pay special court  
2 costs of one hundred dollars in lieu of other costs of court and the special court costs  
3 shall be disbursed as follows:

4 \* \* \*

5 (4) Twenty-five dollars shall be paid to the state treasury for credit to the  
6 ~~Keep Louisiana Beautiful Fund~~ Litter Abatement and Education Account.

7 \* \* \*

8 Section 2. R.S. 47:463.43(Section Heading) is hereby amended and reenacted to read  
9 as follows:

10 §463.43. Special license plates; environmental education ~~division~~ and litter  
11 reduction section

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13 Section 3. R.S. 56:10(B)(15) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

14 §10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;  
15 limitations on purposes for use of monies in particular funds; warrants;  
16 vouchers; surplus funds

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18 B.

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20 (15)(a) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special  
21 account known as the "litter abatement and education account" which shall consist  
22 of donations collected from the sale of the environmental education license plate  
23 provided for in R.S. 47:463.43; revenue received by the Conservation Fund from the  
24 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles as provided  
25 in R.S. 32:412; revenue received by the Conservation Fund from fines for violations  
26 of the provisions of Part I of Chapter 21 of Subtitle II of Title 30 as provided in R.S.  
27 30:2531 and 2532; funds from public or private donations and any other source  
28 which may specify deposit to this account; and any remaining balance in the  
29 Louisiana Environmental Education Fund as of August 15, 2011. The revenues shall  
30 be subject to the same requirements as provided for other revenues placed in the

1 Conservation Fund in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. ~~The funds in this account~~  
2 ~~shall be used solely for litter abatement and enforcement; public service~~  
3 ~~announcements; develop, review, approve, and implement a plan for statewide~~  
4 ~~environmental education; for the training of operators of vehicles regarding littering;~~  
5 ~~to finance local littering enforcement activities in order to promote public safety,~~  
6 ~~order, and general welfare by making the streets, roads, rivers, streams, bayous,~~  
7 ~~lakes, waterways, and highways of Louisiana clean, safe, and free of debris, litter,~~  
8 ~~and other material falling from or being thrown from vehicles; and to award grants~~  
9 ~~to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for the development, dissemination,~~  
10 ~~and assessment of such education programs.~~

11 (b) The funds in this account shall be used solely for the following:

12 (i) To develop, review, approve, and implement a plan for statewide  
13 environmental education.

14 (ii) To provide for environmental education grant programs in the state.

15 (iii) To develop an environmental education curriculum framework.

16 (iv) To develop guidelines for incorporating environmental education into  
17 teacher education requirements.

18 (v) To develop environmental education teacher professional development.

19 (vi) To provide for formal environmental education.

20 (vii) To provide for litter abatement and enforcement.

21 (viii) To support community-based litter abatement programs.

22 (ix) To develop, disseminate, and assess litter education and awareness  
23 programs and materials.

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25 Section 4. R.S. 30:2521 through 2530, 2537 through 2543, 2546(D) are hereby  
26 repealed in their entirety.

27 Section 5. R.S. 36:239(B)(6) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

1           Section 6. The Louisiana Law Institute is hereby directed to re-designate R.S.  
2   30:2505 through 2510 to be R.S. 30:2516 through 2521.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_