

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 163

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

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

CONSERVATION/COMMISSR: Relative to responsibilities for actions related to sequestration of carbon dioxide

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1104(B), relative to the storage of carbon dioxide; to provide
3 for the responsibility of storage operators; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 30:1104(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §1104. Duties and powers of the commissioner; rule and regulations; permits

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8 B. ~~Only a storage operator as defined in R.S. 30:1103(10) shall be held or~~
9 ~~deemed responsible for the performance of any actions required by the commissioner~~
10 ~~under this Chapter. Unless that person is also the owner or operator of the facility~~
11 ~~or activity regulated under the provisions of this Chapter, the owner, shipper, or~~
12 ~~generator of carbon dioxide shall not be deemed responsible for the performance of~~
13 ~~any actions required by the commissioner under this Chapter.~~

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that the responsibility of performing requirements of the La. Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act falls only on storage operators.

Present law provides for policy and jurisdiction of the commissioner of conservation over the geologic storage and withdrawal of carbon dioxide.

Present law defines "storage operator" as the person authorized by the commissioner to operate a storage facility. Present law further provides that a storage operator can, but need not be, the owner of carbon dioxide injected into a storage facility.

Present law places the responsibility of performing actions required by the commissioner of conservation pursuant to the La. Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act only on storage operators.

Proposed law specifies that unless the person is the owner or operator of a facility or activity, the owner, shipper, or generator of carbon dioxide is not responsible for performing the actions required by the commissioner of conservation relative to carbon sequestration.

(Amends R.S. 30:1104(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Specify that, unless the person is the owner or operator of a facility or activity, the owner, shipper, or generator of carbon dioxide is not responsible for performing the actions required by the commissioner of conservation relative to carbon sequestration.