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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to Reengrossed House Bill No. 655 by Representative Coussan

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, at the beginning of line 7, insert "for terms, conditions, and exceptions; to  
3 provide"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 2, line 27, after "Resources" delete "and" and insert "except the secretary may  
6 accept any financial security provided to the landowner or lessor for facilities exempted from  
7 permit fees pursuant to Paragraph (D)(3) of this Section. Any bond or other instrument "

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 3, delete lines 20 through 28, and page 4, delete line 1 through 5, and insert the  
10 following:

11 "(c) Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Paragraph shall not apply to the  
12 following solar power generation facilities that are owned by an electric utility  
13 provider regulated by the Public Service Commission or the council of the city of  
14 New Orleans:

15 (i) Facilities located on land owned by the electric utility provider and the  
16 provider is capable of demonstrating a decommissioning plan to the regulator.

17 (ii) Facilities located on land leased by the electric utility provider and that  
18 meet both of the following conditions:

19 (aa) The regulated electric utility provider guarantees to the landowner or  
20 lessor that the regulated electric utility provider will pay the cost of the  
21 decommissioning plan provided for in Subparagraph (D)(2) of this Section and the  
22 guarantee is acceptable to the secretary.

23 (bb) The lease between the landowner or lessor and the regulated electric  
24 utility provider provides for site decommissioning at the end of the facility's life, at  
25 the termination of the lease, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, and  
26 upon other circumstance that requires closure of the facility."

27 AMENDMENT NO. 4

28 On page 4, line 21, after "Section." insert "A permit issued pursuant to this Subsection shall  
29 only pertain to the implementation of the decommissioning plan as provided in Paragraph  
30 (2) of this Subsection, and financial security required pursuant to Paragraph (A)(9) of this  
31 Section."

32 AMENDMENT NO. 5

33 On page 5, delete line 14 through 22, and insert:

34 "(3) Any solar power generation facility that is certified by the Public Service  
35 Commission or the council of the city of New Orleans on or before August 2,  
36 2022, shall be exempt from the fees provided for in this Section, shall register with  
37 the department by January 1, 2023, and comply with the requirements of this Section  
38 and any rule and regulations promulgated pursuant to this Section by June 30, 2024."

39 AMENDMENT NO. 6

40 On page 6, line 1, after "line" insert "located within the footprint of the facility"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 7

2 On page 6, at the end of line 13, insert:

3 "For Fiscal Years 2022-2023 through Fiscal Years 2025-2026, the reimbursement  
4 of the state general fund shall be considered costs for the purposes of R.S.  
5 30:1154(D)(1)(d) as enacted by this Act.

6 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on August 2, 2022; if vetoed by  
7 the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
8 effective on the day following such approval by the legislature or August 2, 2022,  
9 whichever is later."