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Abstract: Creates the Louisiana Industrial Product Certification Act and provides for the program.

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Industrial Product Certification Act.

Proposed law provides for the purpose and definitions related to the Louisiana Industrial Product Certification Act.

Proposed law requires that the Louisiana Industrial Product Certification Program (LIPCP) be established and administered by Department of Economic Development (LED).

Proposed law designates that LED create and maintain a publicly accessible database of certified industrial products and that they develop a "Made in Louisiana" logo or mark that can be used by manufacturers and producers of certified industrial products.

Proposed law requires that to be eligible for certification, an industrial product shall meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) The entirety of the manufacturing process for this industrial product shall occur within the boundaries of Louisiana, without regard to the geographical source of any components, parts, or materials employed in said production..
- (2) The manufacturer or producer shall be in compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal environmental, labor, and safety regulations.

Proposed law requires that manufacturers or producers seeking certification for their industrial products shall submit an application to LED, which shall include all of the following:

- (1) A detailed description of the industrial product and its manufacturing process.
- (2) A comprehensive list of all components, parts, or materials used in the production of the industrial product, including the source and cost of each item.
- (3) Documentation demonstrating compliance with the eligibility criteria set forth in proposed law.

Proposed law requires LED evaluate each application, grant or deny certification within 60 days,

request additional information or conduct site visits as necessary, and establish a reasonable processing fee.

Proposed law requires LED to monitor the compliance of certified industrial products and revoke certification for any industrial product found to be in violation of the eligibility criteria set forth in proposed law.

Proposed law outlines that a certification will be valid for two years.

Proposed law requires that LED penalizes manufacturers or producers found to be using the "Made in Louisiana" logo or mark on noncertified industrial products or falsely claiming certification.

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