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Abstract: Requires buffer zones around the perimeters of solar farms and provides certain parameters for such buffer zones.

Proposed law requires buffer zones around the perimeters of solar farms. Further requires that such buffer zones include the following parameters:

- (1) A setback of no less than 300 ft. from the center of any adjacent public roadway.
- (2) A setback of at least 150 ft. from any residence and 50 ft. from any adjacent property line.
- (3) At least a 25-ft. stand of trees or shrubbery within the buffer zones, known as a green space, between the operational area of the solar farm and the adjacent roadway or property to screen the solar farm from view.
- (4) Be maintained in such a manner so as to not present a nuisance as pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the parish where the solar farm is located.

Proposed law prohibits the sale of solar energy, a solar device, or any solar power generation facility if it does not comply with proposed law.

Proposed law defines "solar farm" as the use of land where a series of solar collectors and related equipment and accessories are placed in an area on a parcel of land for the purpose of generating photovoltaic power having generation capacity of at least 50 kw direct current or more when operating at maximum efficiency. Specifies that the term "solar farm" can not be interpreted to mean one of more solar collectors intended to provide electrical power generation for a single residential dwelling or commercial property.

(Amends R.S. 30:1154(E) and (F); Adds R.S. 30:1154(G))