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## DIGEST

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HB 474 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires warning signs for treated wastewater discharge associated with wetland assimilation projects.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Environmental Quality to administer the La. Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program under the federal Clean Water Act, which includes the authority to promulgate rules and issue permits for the discharge of pollutants, including waste water, into the waters of the state.

Proposed law provides that the secretary must also require wetland assimilation project permit holders to post warning signs near wetlands where wastewater is discharged and at the entrances to wildlife management areas within which wastewater is discharged into wetlands.

Proposed law requires the signs to state "Warning: Treated Wastewater Discharge".

(Adds R.S. 30:2074(F))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove prohibition against tertiary treatment of wastewater in wetlands of the state.
3. Add a requirement that wetland assimilation project permit holders post warning signs regarding treated wastewater discharge.
4. Require signs to state "Warning: Treated Wastewater Discharge".