

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 338

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

SUNSET LAW: Re-creates entities transferred to or placed within the office of the governor

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:191(4) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(1)(n), relative to certain  
3 agencies within the office of the governor, including provisions to provide for the re-  
4 creation of such agencies; to provide for the effective termination date for all  
5 statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for  
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Pursuant to R.S. 49:193, the agencies transferred to or placed within the  
9 office of the governor pursuant to R.S. 36:4.1, to wit: the Louisiana State Board of  
10 Cosmetology, the Office of Financial Institutions, the Louisiana State Racing Commission,  
11 the Louisiana Cemetery Board, the State Board of Certified Public Accountants of  
12 Louisiana, the State Board of Architectural Examiners, the Louisiana Real Estate  
13 Commission, the Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors, the State Licensing Board for  
14 Contractors, the Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, the Louisiana  
15 Auctioneers Licensing Board, the State Board of Examiners of Interior Designers, the  
16 Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board, the Louisiana State Athletic Commission, the  
17 Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission, the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission, and  
18 the Louisiana State Polygraph Board shall be re-created effective June 30, 2026, and all  
19 statutory authority therefor is continued in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of  
20 Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

1 Section 2. All statutory authority for the existence of the aforementioned agencies  
2 and the statutory entities made a part of them as re-created by Section 1 of this Act shall  
3 cease as of July 1, 2033, pursuant to R.S. 49:191. However, the aforementioned agencies  
4 may be re-created prior to such date in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter  
5 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

6 Section 3. The provisions of R.S. 49:193 are hereby superseded to the extent that  
7 those provisions are in conflict with the provisions of this Act.

8 Section 4. R.S. 49:191(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §191. Termination of legislative authority for existence of statutory entities; phase-  
10 out period for statutory entities; table of dates

11 Notwithstanding any termination dates set by any previous Act of the  
12 legislature, the statutory entities set forth in this Section shall begin to terminate their  
13 operations on July first of each of the following years, and all legislative authority  
14 for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of  
15 July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

16 \* \* \*

17 (4) July 1, ~~2025~~ 2032:

18 (a) Those entities transferred to or placed within the office of the governor  
19 pursuant to R.S. 36:4.1.

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21 Section 5. R.S. 49:191(1)(n) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

22 Section 6. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2026; if vetoed by the  
23 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on  
24 June 30, 2026, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 338 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Re-creates various agencies within the office of the governor.

Present law requires, under the "sunset" law, that the following agencies shall begin to terminate their operations on July 1, 2026:

- (1) La. State Board of Cosmetology.
- (2) Office of Financial Institutions.
- (3) La. State Racing Commission.
- (4) La. Cemetery Board.
- (5) State Board of Certified Public Accountants of La.
- (6) State Board of Architectural Examiners.
- (7) La. Real Estate Commission.
- (8) La. State Board of Home Inspectors.
- (9) State Licensing Board of Contractors.
- (10) Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters.
- (11) La. Auctioneers Licensing Board.
- (12) State Board of Examiners of Interior Designers.
- (13) La. Real Estate Appraisers Board.
- (14) La. State Athletic Commission.
- (15) La. Motor Vehicle Commission.
- (16) La. Used Motor Vehicle Commission.
- (17) La. State Polygraph Board.

Present law provides that all legislative authority for such entities shall cease as of July 1, 2027, unless legislation is enacted which authorizes the re-creation of those entities prior thereto.

Proposed law provides for the re-creation of those agencies, effective June 30, 2026, in accordance with the "sunset" law. Supersedes the provisions of the "sunset" law which sets out the procedure for review and re-creation and which requires a separate bill to re-create each statutory entity within those agencies along with additional provisions. July 1, 2033, is the new termination date, and termination will begin July 1, 2032, unless the agency is again re-created.

Effective June 30, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 49:191(4); Repeals R.S. 49:191(1)(n))