

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 656 (HB 595)

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New law provides that the dept. is vested with exclusive authority over the natural resources of the state, including regulations, permitting, and related fee schedules.

New law prohibits political subdivisions, local governing authorities, or municipal or parochial permitting bodies from using inaction on permitting decisions to unreasonably interfere with activities permitted by the dept. Provides that applications for local road permits related to activities permitted by the dept. which have not been approved or denied within 30 days are deemed to be approved.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 30:4.4)