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DIGEST

Proposed law defines "hurricane protection" as a system of barriers and associated elements to provide protection against tidal surges.

Present law provides for the powers and duties of the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Authority, including the development of a comprehensive conservation and restoration plan. Proposed law authorizes the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Authority to develop procedures in accord with the APA and the taking of actions against any entity, including a political subdivision for the enforcement of, and compliance with the notice of defect.

Proposed law requires the authority to establish and implement a comprehensive hurricane protection inspection program. The program will review hurricane protection diagrams, designs, and plans; monitor defects and problems; and measure and test the elevations, soil conditions, and structural integrity of the hurricane protection.

Proposed law requires the inspections to occur at least every five years and after a hurricane impacts a hurricane barrier and its associated elements.

Proposed law requires the authority to report a notice of defect to the appropriate entity, or political subdivision within two days of the inspection. The notice must contain a description of the defect, and the remedy to correct the defect. The notice must be mailed either by certified mail, or return receipt requested.

(Amends R.S. 49:213.2 and 213.4(A); and adds R.S. 49:213.11)