

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 397

BY REPRESENTATIVE GISCLAIR

COASTAL RES/COASTAL ZONE: Prohibits dredging of sand pits or excavating near a state highway in certain areas of the coastal zone

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:214.25(F), relative to uses in the coastal zone subject to  
3 coastal use permits; to prohibit certain dredging or excavating activities in Lafourche  
4 Parish; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 49:214.25(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §214.25. Types of uses

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12 F. ~~All~~ Except as provided in this Subsection, all uses and activities within the  
13 coastal zone are permissible, ~~except as~~ subject to the permitting requirements of this  
14 Subpart. However, dredging sand pits and excavating within three hundred feet of  
15 Highway 1, south of the town of Golden Meadow in Lafourche Parish, unless such  
16 excavating is associated with a drainage, utility, communications, pipeline, or fiber  
17 optic project for which a coastal use permit has been issued, shall be prohibited and  
18 shall not qualify for a coastal use permit. Provided, however, that any excavation  
19 associated with a pipeline project shall be refilled once the project is complete.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits dredging sand or excavating within 300 feet of Highway 1 south of the town of Golden Meadow.

Present law establishes the coastal zone and provides for a management regime within that zone including issuance of coastal use permits for activities conducted within the coastal zone. Provides for a state management plan and local management plans. Specifically provides that all uses and activities are permissible as long as the appropriate permits are applied for and granted.

Proposed law prohibits dredging sand pits and excavating within 300 feet of Hwy. 1 south of the town of Golden Meadow in Lafourche Parish, unless such excavating is associated with a drainage, utility, communication, pipeline or fiber optic project for which a coastal use permit has been issued.

Proposed law requires excavation associated with a pipeline project be refilled upon completion of the project.

(Amends R.S. 49:214.25(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Expanded the exception to include utility or fiber optic projects.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Reduced the distance from Hwy. 1 that dredging and excavating is prohibited from 500 feet to 300 feet.
2. Expanded the exception to include communication and pipeline projects.
3. Required excavation associated with a pipeline project be refilled upon completion.