

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 49

BY REPRESENTATIVE GISCLAIR

COASTAL RES/WETLANDS: Authorizes coastal restoration and protection projects as compensatory wetlands mitigation

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:214.41(A)(1) and (C), relative to mitigation of coastal
3 wetlands; to authorize construction or implementation of an integrated coastal
4 protection project as compensatory wetlands mitigation; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 49:214.41(A)(1) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8 as follows:

9 §214.41. Mitigation of coastal wetlands losses

10 A. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the meaning
11 ascribed to them below:

12 (1) "Compensatory mitigation" means replacement, substitution,
13 enhancement, or protection of ecological values to offset anticipated losses of those
14 values caused by a permitted activity. Compensatory mitigation may also include
15 construction or implementation of an integrated coastal protection project consistent
16 with the state's master plan for coastal protection and restoration.

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18 C. Compensatory mitigation, including construction or implementation of
19 an integrated coastal protection project consistent with the state's master plan for
20 coastal protection and restoration, at a level sufficient to replace or to substitute for

