

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 120

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

ENERGY/OIL & GAS: Authorizes the commissioner of conservation to certify to the U.S. Department of Transportation his regulatory authority over underground natural gas storage facilities

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:551(E), relative to the powers and responsibilities of the commissioner of
3 conservation; to authorize the commissioner of conservation to certify to the United
4 States Department of Transportation his jurisdiction over safety standards of
5 underground gas storage facilities; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:551(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §551. Regulatory designation

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10 E. The commissioner of conservation, as permitted by 49 U.S.C. 60101, et
11 seq., may certify annually to the United States Department of Transportation that the
12 state, through the office of conservation, has regulatory jurisdiction over the safety
13 standards and practices of intrastate underground gas storage facilities not otherwise
14 regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the transportation of
15 gas and the storage of gas at those facilities. The commissioner of conservation, as
16 permitted by 49 U.S.C. 60101 et seq., may enter into an agency relationship with the
17 United States Department of Transportation to enforce compliance with safety
18 standards with respect to interstate gas storage facilities or the transportation of gas
19 associated with those facilities.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the commissioner of conservation to certify to the U.S. Dept. of Transportation his regulatory authority over underground gas storage facilities and ability to enter into agreements to enforce safety compliance of interstate gas facilities.

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner of conservation to certify to the U.S. Dept. of Transportation his regulatory authority over intrastate underground gas storage facilities that are not regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the natural gas stored at those facilities. Authorizes the commissioner to enter into an agency relationship with the U.S. Dept. of Transportation to enforce compliance with safety standards for interstate gas storage facilities and the transportation of gas associated with those facilities.

(Adds R.S. 30:551(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Correct federal citations.
2. Remove references to "natural" gas.
3. Authorize the commissioner to enter into an agency relationship with the U.S. Dept. of Transportation to enforce compliance with safety standards for interstate gas storage facilities and the transportation of gas associated with those facilities.