

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 47 (HB 49)**

**2018 Regular Session**

**Gisclair**

Existing law generally requires mitigation for damage done to coastal wetlands. Requires the secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources to adopt regulations requiring such mitigation. Also requires compensatory mitigation at a level sufficient to replace or substitute for the wetlands lost due to permitted activities in the coastal area. Defines compensatory mitigation as the replacement, substitution, enhancement, or protection of ecological values to offset anticipated losses.

New law authorizes the inclusion of integrated coastal protection projects, consistent with the state's coastal master plan and located within the same watershed as the permitted activity, as compensatory wetlands mitigation for negative impacts caused by a permitted activity.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 49:214.41(A)(1) and (C))