ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. Provides for regulation of greenhouse emissions. (8/1/22)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:2053(10) and 2054.1, relative to air quality; to provide for definitions; to prohibit the adoption and enforcement of certain programs; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:2053(10) and 2054.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2053. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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(10) "Greenhouse gas" means carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, sulfur hexafluoride, hydrofluorocarbon, and perfluorocarbon.

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§2054.1. Specific legislative authority required

Notwithstanding any other law, neither the department nor any other state agency shall adopt or enforce a state or regional program to regulate greenhouse gas emissions for the purposes of addressing changes in atmospheric
temperature without specific legislative authorization, including, but not limited
to the following:

(1) State plans developed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7402, 7410, 7411, 7415, or 7545.

(2) State plans developed as a result of the Governor’s 2022 Louisiana
Climate Action Plan for reaching net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

(3) Low carbon fuel standards.

(4) Plans or programs enabling regulation of mobile or stationary
sources, greenhouse gas taxes or fees, or greenhouse gas trading.

(5) State or regional programs prompted by the participation of the
United States in international treaties or executive agreements or interstate
compacts or agreements.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tyler S. McCloud.

**DIGEST**

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adopting or enforcing a state or regional program to regulate greenhouse gas emissions for
the purposes of addressing changes in atmospheric temperature without specific legislative
authorization.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 30:2053(10) and 2054.1)