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SB 354 Engrossed

2022 Regular Session

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Proposed law establishes the "Louisiana Consumer Fuel Choice Act".

Proposed law defines "energy type" to include aviation fuel, biofuel, compressed natural gas, diesel, electricity to be utilized for the charging of electric vehicles, gasoline, gas distillates, hydrogen, liquified petroleum gas, and renewable diesel.

Proposed law provides that no local governing authority shall adopt an ordinance, rule, or law that limits consumer access to an energy type or that results in the prohibition of a wholesaler, retailer, energy producer, or the related infrastructure that is necessary to provide consumer access to a specific energy type within the local governing authority.

Proposed law prohibits construing any provision of proposed law to restrict, impair, or diminish the regulatory authority of the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority, a municipally owned electric system, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, or of any governing authority of a political subdivision that regulates a public utility in accordance with Const. Art. IV, Section 21.

Proposed law provides for retroactive and prospective application.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 51:3051-3053)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Adds proposed law shall not be construed to restrict, impair, or diminish the regulatory authority of the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.