AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:3061(3) and (4), relative to the Louisiana Renewable Energy Development Act; to clarify that energy produced from forest products’ manufacturing bioenergy feedstocks and agricultural harvesting may be considered renewable and carbon neutral; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 51:3061(3) and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3061. Legislative findings

The legislature hereby finds and declares that:

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(3) Energy produced from forest products’ manufacturing bioenergy feedstocks may be considered renewable and carbon neutral. When paired with carbon capture technologies, known as bioenergy with carbon capture and storage, it may be considered carbon negative.

(4) Energy produced from agricultural harvesting, including bagasse produced from sugarcane processing, may be considered renewable and carbon neutral. When paired with carbon capture technologies, known as bioenergy with carbon capture and storage, it may be considered carbon negative.

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Abstract: Clarifies that energy produced from forest products' manufacturing bioenergy feedstocks and agricultural harvesting may be considered renewable and carbon neutral.

Present law specifies that energy produced from forest products' manufacturing bioenergy feedstocks and agricultural harvesting is considered renewable and carbon neutral. Further provides that when paired with carbon capture technologies, known as bioenergy with carbon capture and storage, it is considered carbon negative.

Proposed law changes present law from mandatory to permissive.

(Amends R.S. 51:3061(3) and (4))