

SENATE BILL NO. 65

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:191(2)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(12)(c), relative to the Department of  
3 Energy and Natural Resources, including provisions to provide for the recreation of  
4 the Department of Energy and Natural Resources and the statutory entities made a  
5 part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all  
6 statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for  
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Pursuant to R.S. 49:193, the Department of Energy and Natural Resources  
10 and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law shall be recreated effective  
11 June 30, 2024, and all statutory authority therefor is continued in accordance with the  
12 provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

13 Section 2. All statutory authority for the existence of the Department of Energy and  
14 Natural Resources and the statutory entities made a part of the department as recreated by  
15 Section 1 of this Act shall cease as of July 1, 2029, pursuant to R.S. 49:191. However, the  
16 Department of Energy and Natural Resources may be recreated prior to such date in  
17 accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised  
18 Statutes of 1950.

19 Section 3. The provisions of R.S. 49:193 are hereby superseded to the extent that  
20 those provisions are in conflict with the provisions of this Act.

21 Section 4. R.S. 49:191(2)(b) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

22 §191. Termination of legislative authority for existence of statutory entities;  
23 phase-out period for statutory entities; table of dates

24 Notwithstanding any termination dates set by any previous Act of the  
25 legislature, the statutory entities set forth in this Section shall begin to terminate their  
26 operations on July first of each of the following years, and all legislative authority  
27 for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of

1 July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

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3 (2) July 1, 2028:

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5 **(b) The Department of Energy and Natural Resources and all statutory**  
6 **entities made a part of the department by law.**

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8 Section 5. R.S. 49:191(12)(c) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

9 Section 6. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2024; if vetoed by the  
10 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on  
11 June 30, 2024, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_