

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 459

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ENERGY/ALTERNATE: Provides for renewable energy regulation and permitting

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part I and Part II of Chapter 12 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
3 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 30:1131 and 1141, relative to renewable energy
4 development; to require certain permits for renewable energy producers; to exclude
5 residential properties; to define the term "onshore"; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Part I and Part II of Chapter 12 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised
9 Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 30:1131 and 1141, are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 12. RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE

11 PART I. BATTERIES

12 §1131. Permits for renewable energy batteries

13 A. No battery used for renewable energy storage facilities shall be installed
14 without the operator first obtaining a permit for installation from the Department of
15 Energy and Natural Resources.

16 B. No permit shall be issued without proof of financial security and a
17 decommissioning plan.

18 C. The secretary shall be authorized to promulgate and adopt such rules and
19 regulations as are necessary to implement this Section.

20 D. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to apply to renewable energy
21 storage for residential property use.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Provide an exclusion for applicability of proposed law to residential property use.
2. Define "onshore" as land-based wind turbines and those located on inland water bodies.
3. Make technical changes.