

SENATE BILL NO. 287

BY SENATOR MARTINY

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:191(7)(a) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(5)(b), relative to the Department of  
3 Public Service; to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Public Service  
4 and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the  
5 effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such  
6 statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Pursuant to R.S. 49:193, the Department of Public Service and the  
9 statutory entities made a part of the Department of Public Service by law shall be re-created  
10 effective June 30, 2014, and all statutory authority therefor is continued in accordance with  
11 the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

12 Section 2. Notwithstanding any provision of any previous Act of the legislature, all  
13 statutory authority for the existence of the Department of Public Service and the statutory  
14 entities made a part of the Department of Public Service, as re-created under the provisions  
15 of Section 1 of this Act, shall cease as of July 1, 2019, pursuant to R.S. 49:191. However,  
16 the Department of Public Service and the statutory entities made a part of the Department  
17 of Public Service may be re-created prior to such date in accordance with the provisions of  
18 Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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 The provisions of R.S. 49:193 are hereby superseded to the extent those  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

21 Section 4. R.S. 49:191(7)(a) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

1 for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of  
2 July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

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4 (7) July 1, 2018:

5 (a) The Department of Public Service and all the statutory entities made  
6 a part of the department by law.

7 Section 5. R.S. 49:191(5)(b) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

8 Section 6. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2014; if vetoed by the  
9 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on  
10 June 30, 2014, 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: \_\_\_\_\_