

SENATE BILL NO. 209

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:4(M)(6)(b) and to enact R.S. 30:4(M)(6)(c), relative to certain permits for solution mining injection wells and solution mined caverns; to provide for certain permit requirements; to require compensation to property owners whose property lies in an area under a mandatory or forced evacuation; to provide terms, conditions, and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:4(M)(6)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 30:4(M)(6)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4. Jurisdiction, duties, and powers of the assistant secretary; rules and regulations

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M. The commissioner shall make, after notice and hearing as provided in this Chapter, any reasonable rules, regulations, and orders that are necessary to control the drilling, operating, and plugging of solution mining injection wells, the permitting of such wells, and the resulting solution mined cavern. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and shall provide for, but not be limited to the following:

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(6) Permit requirements that include the following:

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(b) Reimbursement to the state or any political subdivision of the state for reasonable and extraordinary costs incurred in responding to or mitigating a disaster or emergency due to a violation of this Subsection or any rule, regulation, or order promulgated or issued pursuant to this Subsection. Such costs shall be subject to approval by the director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness prior to being submitted to the permittee for reimbursement.

