

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 332 (HB 400)**

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New law authorizes the commissioner of conservation to promulgate rules for the regulation of the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of a liquefied natural gas facility within the state.

Prior law provides that the commissioner of conservation has the authority to regulate all public and private natural gas distribution systems for safety purposes except where prohibited by federal law. New law authorizes the commissioner to regulate people engaged in the transportation of gas or those who own or operate intrastate pipelines and requires state regulations to be consistent with federal rules and regulations.

Prior law authorizes the commissioner of conservation to certify to the U.S. secretary of transportation that the state has regulatory jurisdiction over the safety standards of intrastate pipelines. New law authorizes the commissioner to certify to the U.S. Dept. of Transportation that the state has jurisdiction over the safety standards and practices of intrastate pipelines and liquefied natural gas facilities and the transportation of gas and liquefied natural gas associated with those facilities.

New law specifically provides that, except as provided in federal law, the commissioner does not have authority to regulate safety standards for interstate gas pipelines or the transportation of gas through those pipelines.

Effective Aug. 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 30:551(B) and 703; Adds R.S. 30:4(P) and 551(C) and (D))