

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 384

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

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

ENERGY: Provides relative to the Louisiana Renewable Energy Development Act

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 51:3061(3) and (4), relative to the Louisiana Renewable Energy
3 Development Act; to clarify that energy produced from forest products'
4 manufacturing bioenergy feedstocks and agricultural harvesting may be considered
5 renewable and carbon neutral; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 51:3061(3) and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §3061. Legislative findings

10 The legislature hereby finds and declares that:

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12 (3) Energy produced from forest products' manufacturing bioenergy
13 feedstocks ~~shall~~ may be considered renewable and carbon neutral. When paired with
14 carbon capture technologies, known as bioenergy with carbon capture and storage,
15 it may be considered carbon negative.

16 (4) Energy produced from agricultural harvesting, including bagasse
17 produced from sugarcane processing, ~~shall~~ may be considered renewable and carbon
18 neutral. When paired with carbon capture technologies, known as bioenergy with
19 carbon capture and storage, it may be considered carbon negative.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Clarifies that energy produced from forest products' manufacturing bioenergy feedstocks and agricultural harvesting may be considered renewable and carbon neutral.

Present law specifies that energy produced from forest products' manufacturing bioenergy feedstocks and agricultural harvesting is considered renewable and carbon neutral. Further provides that when paired with carbon capture technologies, known as bioenergy with carbon capture and storage, it is considered carbon negative.

Proposed law changes present law from mandatory to permissive.

(Amends R.S. 51:3061(3) and (4))