

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 140

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

ENVIRONMENT QUALITY DEPT. Provides for the organization of the Department of Environmental Quality. (8/1/16)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:231(C)(1), to enact R.S. 36:238(C) and R.S.
3 30:2011(C)(1)(b), and to repeal R.S. 30:2011(D)(26), relative to the offices of the
4 Department of Environmental Quality; to provide for the purposes of the offices
5 within the Department of Environmental Quality; to create the office of
6 environmental assessment; to provide terms, conditions, and requirements; and to
7 provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 36:231(C)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 36:238(C)
10 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §231. Department of Environmental Quality; creation; domicile; composition;
12 purposes and functions

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14 C.(1) The Department of Environmental Quality shall be composed of the
15 executive office of the secretary, the office of management and finance, **the office**
16 **of environmental assessment**, the office of environmental compliance, and the
17 office of environmental services.

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2 §238. Offices; purposes and functions

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4 **C. The office of environmental assessment shall provide for**
5 **environmental air quality assessment and water quality assessment, and shall**
6 **administer underground storage tank service activities, all remediation services,**
7 **and such duties as delegated by the secretary.**

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9 Section 2. R.S. 30:2011(C)(1)(b) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §2011. Department of Environmental Quality created; duties; powers; structure

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12 C.(1) The department shall be divided into offices.

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14 **(b) The office of environmental assessment shall provide for**
15 **environmental air quality assessment and water quality assessment, and shall**
16 **administer underground storage tank service activities, all remediation services,**
17 **and such duties as delegated by the secretary.**

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19 Section 3. R.S. 30:2011(D)(26) is hereby repealed.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

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Present law provides that the secretary of the Dept. of Environmental Quality is responsible for the functions of environmental air quality assessment, water quality assessment, remediation services, and laboratory services and must assign each of these functions to either the office of environmental compliance or the office of environmental services.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law creates the office of environmental assessment.

Proposed law provides that the office of environmental assessment must provide for environmental air quality assessment and water quality assessment, and must administer underground storage tank service activities, all remediation services, and such duties as delegated by the secretary.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 36:231(C)(1); adds R.S. 30:2011(C)(1)(b) and 36:238(C); repeals R.S. 30:2011(D)(26))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
to the original bill

1. Adds certain duties to the office of environmental assessment.