

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 531

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIGUEZ AND GAROFALO

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOP/DEPT: Provides for the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to establish and administer the Louisiana Industrial Product Certification Program

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part VI of Chapter 3 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be  
3 comprised of R.S. 51:971 through 978, relative to the Louisiana Industrial Product  
4 Certification Act; to provide for a purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide for  
5 a certification program regarding industrial products; to provide for certification  
6 eligibility and criteria; to provide for a certification application and evaluation  
7 process; to provide for certification compliance monitoring and certification renewal;  
8 to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. Part VI of Chapter 3 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
11 comprised of R.S. 51:971 through 978, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 PART VI. LOUISIANA INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT CERTIFICATION ACT

13 §971. Short title

14 This Part shall be known and may be cited as the "Louisiana Industrial  
15 Product Certification Act".

16 §972. Purpose

17 The purpose of this Part is to establish a certification program to promote and  
18 recognize industrial products that are one hundred percent made in Louisiana,  
19 encourage economic growth and development within the state, and support local  
20 manufacturers.

1        §973. Definitions2                For the purposes of this Part, the following definitions apply:3                (1) "Certification" means the formal recognition granted by the state of  
4        Louisiana that an industrial product is one hundred percent made in this state.5                (2) "Department" means the Department of Economic Development.6                (3) "Industrial product" means any good or material produced for  
7        commercial or industrial purposes.8                (4) "Made in Louisiana" means the production process of an industrial  
9        product occurring entirely within this state.10        §974. Louisiana Industrial Product Certification Program11                A. The department shall establish and administer the Louisiana Industrial  
12        Product Certification Program in accordance with the provisions of this Part.13                B. The department shall create and maintain a publicly accessible database  
14        of certified industrial products.15                C. The department shall develop a "Made in Louisiana" logo or mark that  
16        can be used by manufacturers and producers of certified industrial products.17        §975. Certification eligibility and criteria18                To be eligible for certification, an industrial product shall meet all of the  
19        following criteria:20                (1) The entirety of the manufacturing process for the industrial product shall  
21        occur within the boundaries of this state, without regard to the geographical source  
22        of any components, parts, or materials employed in its production.23                (2) The manufacturer or producer shall be in compliance with all applicable  
24        local, state, and federal environmental, labor, and safety regulations.25        §976. Application and evaluation process26                A. A manufacturer or producer seeking certification for its industrial  
27        products shall submit an application to the department, which shall include all of the  
28        following:29                (1) A detailed description of the industrial product and its manufacturing  
30        process.

1           (2) A comprehensive list of all components, parts, or materials used in the  
2           production of the industrial product, including the source and cost of each item.

3           (3) Documentation demonstrating compliance with the eligibility criteria set  
4           forth in R.S. 51:975.

5           B. The department shall evaluate each application and may request  
6           additional information or conduct site visits as necessary.

7           C. The department shall either grant or deny certification within sixty days  
8           of receiving a completed application.

9           D. The department may establish a reasonable fee for processing applications  
10          to cover administrative costs.

11          §977. Compliance monitoring and certification renewal

12          A. The department shall periodically monitor the compliance of certified  
13          industrial products with the eligibility criteria set forth in R.S. 51:975.

14          B. Certification shall be valid for two years from the date of issuance, and  
15          manufacturers or producers may reapply for certification upon expiration.

16          §978. Penalties and enforcement

17          A. A manufacturer or producer found to be using the "Made in Louisiana"  
18          logo or mark on noncertified industrial products or falsely claiming certification shall  
19          be subject to penalties as determined by the department.

20          B. The department may revoke certification for any industrial product found  
21          to be in violation of the eligibility criteria set forth in R.S. 51:975.

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DIGEST

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HB 531 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Creates the Louisiana Industrial Product Certification Act and provides for the program.

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Industrial Product Certification Act.

Proposed law provides for the purpose and definitions related to the Louisiana Industrial Product Certification Act.

Proposed law requires that the Louisiana Industrial Product Certification Program (LIPCP) be established and administered by Dept. of Economic Development (LED).

Proposed law requires that LED create and maintain a publicly accessible database of certified industrial products and that it develop a "Made in Louisiana" logo or mark that can be used by manufacturers and producers of certified industrial products.

Proposed law requires that to be eligible for certification, an industrial product shall meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) The entirety of the manufacturing process for this industrial product shall occur within the boundaries of Louisiana, without regard to the geographical source of any components, parts, or materials employed in said production.
- (2) The manufacturer or producer shall be in compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal environmental, labor, and safety regulations.

Proposed law requires that manufacturers or producers seeking certification for their industrial products shall submit an application to LED, which shall include all of the following:

- (1) A detailed description of the industrial product and its manufacturing process.
- (2) A comprehensive list of all components, parts, or materials used in the production of the industrial product, including the source and cost of each item.
- (3) Documentation demonstrating compliance with the eligibility criteria set forth in proposed law.

Proposed law requires LED evaluate each application, grant or deny certification within 60 days, request additional information or conduct site visits as necessary, and establish a reasonable processing fee.

Proposed law requires LED to monitor the compliance of certified industrial products and revoke certification for any industrial product found to be in violation of the eligibility criteria set forth in proposed law.

Proposed law outlines that a certification will be valid for two years.

Proposed law requires that LED penalizes manufacturers or producers found to be using the "Made in Louisiana" logo or mark on noncertified industrial products or falsely claiming certification.

(Adds R.S. 51:971-978)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

##### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Clarify that upon expiration of the "Made in Louisiana" certification, manufacturers or producers may reapply for certification.