

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 607

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

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

COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS: Provides relative to the joint legislative committee on technology and cybersecurity

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 24:677 and to repeal R.S. 24:677, relative to the Joint Legislative Committee
3 on Technology and Cybersecurity; to require the committee to examine potential
4 regulation for the practice of network installation and cybersecurity; to provide for
5 the scope of the consideration; to provide for a report; to remove such provisions; to
6 provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 24:677 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §677. Examination of potential occupational regulations; scope; report

10 A. Pursuant to the duties and functions provided in R.S. 24:672, the
11 committee shall examine and consider potential regulatory structures for network
12 installers and cybersecurity providers operating in this state.

13 B. The committee shall consider any regulatory structure it deems
14 appropriate, including but not limited to creating a state board, creating a state
15 certification program, requiring third-party examinations, requiring federally
16 recognized certifications, and creating an apprenticeship program.

17 C. The committee shall also consider mechanisms for administration
18 including but not limited to a controlling agency or board, applications,
19 documentation, registrations, renewals, reciprocity, compliance, and enforcement.

1 D. The committee shall submit its findings and recommendations relative to
2 its examination and consideration of regulatory structures for network installers and
3 cybersecurity providers pursuant to this Section to the legislature prior to the
4 convening of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

5 Section 2. R.S. 24:677 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

6 Section 3.(A) The provisions this Section and of Section 1 of this Act shall become
7 effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration
8 of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article
9 III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently
10 approved by the legislature, the provisions of this Section and Section 1 of this Act shall
11 become effective on the day following such approval.

12 (B) The provisions of Section 2 shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the Joint Legislative Committee on Technology and Cybersecurity to examine and consider possible regulatory structures for network installers and cybersecurity providers.

Proposed law requires the Joint Legislative Committee on Technology and Cybersecurity (committee) to consider the creation and administration of possible regulatory structures for people engaged in network installation and cybersecurity in the state.

Proposed law allows the committee to consider all structures they deem appropriate and provides an illustrative list of potential approaches.

Proposed law requires the committee to submit findings or recommendations prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session.

Proposed law repeals proposed law in its entirety effective on Jan. 1, 2023.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 24:677; Repeals R.S. 24:677)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Delete provision regarding the specific recommendation of an agency or board to promulgate rules.
2. Delete language regarding submission of a statement that there are no relevant findings or suggestions to report.
3. Add effectiveness upon signature of governor.
4. Add provision that repeals proposed law in its entirety on Jan. 1, 2023.
5. Make technical changes.