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HOUSE BILL NO. 733

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS

PETROLEUM/OIL-GAS: Authorizes participation in sequestration of carbon dioxide programs

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 3:1221, relative to carbon sequestration; to authorize participation in  
3 greenhouse gas emission reduction programs; to provide for the state's participation;  
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 3:1221 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1221. Carbon sequestration; emissions reduction of carbon dioxide and other  
8 greenhouse gases

9 A. The commissioner is authorized to take all action necessary to ensure  
10 Louisiana's participation, to the fullest extent practicable, regarding carbon  
11 sequestration or the reduction of emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse  
12 gases from agriculture and forestry.

13 B. The office of soil and water conservation of the Department of  
14 Agriculture and Forestry shall function as the state's agency for such participation.

15 C. The provisions of this Section do not affect the authority of the Louisiana  
16 Department of Natural Resources or benefits, credits, or offsets derived from projects  
17 approved and undertaken by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority in the  
18 coastal area.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Authorizes participation in programs relative to the carbon sequestration or the reduction of emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from agriculture and forestry.

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner to take necessary action to ensure the state's participation in programs relative to carbon sequestration or the reduction of emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from agriculture and forestry. Further provides for the office of soil and water conservation of the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry to serve as the state's agency for such participation.

Proposed law provides that the authority of the Dept. of Natural Resources or benefits, credits, or offsets derived from approved projects undertaken by the CPRA in the coastal area are not affected by the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 3:1221)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill.

1. Added provisions to exclude from the affect of the proposed law the authority of the Dept. of Natural Resources or benefits, credits, or offsets derived from approved projects undertaken by CPRA in the coastal area.
2. Made technical amendments.