

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 327

BY SENATOR HEBERT

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS. Requires an agency to provide an opportunity for public comment, questions and answers at certain permit hearings. (8/15/10)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:200.2, relative to state agencies; to provide for certain hearings on an
3 application for a permit; to allow for public comment, questions and answers at the
4 permit hearings; to require attendance at the permit hearings by certain individuals;
5 to provide procedures, terms, and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 49:200.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§200.2. State agencies; public hearings on permits**

9 **A. In addition to other requirements, in any public hearing on an**
10 **application for a permit sought from an agency: (1) the permit applicant or a**
11 **duly authorized representative shall attend the hearing; and (2) in addition to**
12 **public comment, the agency shall provide an opportunity during the hearing for**
13 **public questions to be directed to the agency and applicant or his representative,**
14 **and for their response thereto at the same time. If the applicant appears**
15 **through a duly authorized representative, such representative shall be**
16 **knowledgeable in the subject matter for which the permit is sought and capable**
17 **of discussing the reasons, need for, and effects of granting the permit.**

1 **B. For the purpose of this Section, an "agency" is defined as any board,**
2 **commission, department, division, agency, office, or other entity within the**
3 **executive branch of state government.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

DIGEST

Proposed law provides that in addition to other requirements, in any public hearing on an application for a permit sought from an agency: (1) the permit applicant or a duly authorized representative must attend the hearing; and (2) in addition to public comment, the agency must provide an opportunity during the hearing for public questions to be directed to the agency and applicant or his representative, and for their response thereto at the same time.

Proposed law provides that if the applicant appears through a duly authorized representative, such representative must be knowledgeable in the subject matter for which the permit is sought and capable of discussing the reasons, need for, and effects of granting the permit.

Proposed law defines an "agency" as any board, commission, department, division, agency, office, or other entity within the executive branch of state government.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 49:200.2)