

2016 LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

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Several bills of interest passed during the 2016 Louisiana Legislative Session. Following is summary information; the details of the bills are available on the legislature's website, <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/home.aspx>.

ACT 643 - Sustainable Energy Financing Districts

ACT 643 repeals provisions that authorize local governmental subdivisions to create sustainable energy financing districts.

AN ACT to repeal Subpart B-44 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 33:130.811 through 130.814, relative to sustainable energy financing districts; to remove authority granted to local governmental subdivisions to create such districts; and to provide for related matters:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: Section 1. Subpart B-44 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 33:130.811 through 130.814, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

ACT 279 - Vehicles Operated by Engines Fueled by Compressed or Liquefied Natural Gas

ACT 279 permits vehicles operated by engines fueled wholly or partially with compressed or liquefied natural gas to exceed gross vehicle weight limits and axle weight limits.

AN ACT to enact R.S. 32:386(L), relative to the weight of certain vehicles allowed on roads and highways; to allow certain vehicles to exceed weight limitations on roads and highways; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: Section 1. R.S. 32:386(L) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§386. Weight L(1) ...a vehicle that is operated by an engine fueled primarily by compressed or liquified natural gas may exceed the gross vehicle weight limits and any axle weight limits imposed by this Section by an amount, not to exceed a maximum of two thousand pounds, that is equal to the difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable to the natural gas tank and fueling system carried by the vehicle and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system.

ACT 583 - Dedicates Certain Funds to Oilfield Site-Specific Trust Accounts in Order to Provide for Oilfield Site Restoration

ACT 583 provides for the use of certain funds in the state treasury derived from orphan wells for oilfield site restoration.

AN ACT to amend and reenact R.S. 47:645(B) and to enact R.S. 30:88.1, relative to site-specific oilfield trust accounts.

§88.1. Oilfield site trust accounts for orphaned wells

(A) Orphan Wells. (1) For purposes of this Section, an orphan well shall mean an oil or gas well that is designated as part of an orphaned oilfield site as of August 1, 2016, and thereafter, and that has had no reported production for a period of greater than two years immediately prior to the production of oil, gas, or condensate to which this section applies.

(C) Site Restoration Assessment. When establishing a site-specific trust account under this Section, the assistant secretary shall require an oilfield site restoration assessment to be made to determine the site restoration requirements existing at the time the site-specific trust is established.

(D) Trust Account Monitoring. The assistant secretary shall monitor each trust account to assure that it is being properly funded. ...

(H) The assistant secretary shall make, after notice and public hearings as provided in this Chapter, any reasonable rules, regulations, and orders that are necessary to implement this Section.