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SENATE BILL NO. 41

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BY SENATOR HENSGENS

COASTAL RESOURCES. Exempts certain activities performed by a levee district, a levee and drainage district, or a drainage district from the requirements for a coastal use permit. (8/1/20)

AN ACT

2	To enact R.S. 49:214.34(A)(11), relative to coastal use permits; to exempt certain activities
3	from the requirement for a coastal use permit; and to provide for related matters.
4	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
5	Section 1. R.S. 49:214.34(A)(11) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
6	§214.34. Activities not requiring a coastal use permit
7	A. Whether or not the activity occurs within the geographical boundaries of
8	the coastal zone, the following activities shall not require a coastal use permit:
9	* * *
10	(11) Activities performed by or at the direction of a levee district, a levee
11	and drainage district, or a drainage district acting pursuant to the authority
12	granted by R.S. 38:113 including but not limited to construction or maintenance
13	of levees and water control structures including laterals associated with levees
14	or water control structures, spraying, dredging, and placement of spoil material
15	for the normal maintenance of the drainage channels and outfall canals for the
16	purpose of maintaining drainage.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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SB 41 Original

<u>Present law</u> requires a coastal use permit for any activity in the coastal area. Requires applications to be made to the secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources. Requires the secretary to ensure that any activity in the coastal area is consistent with the state's master plan for integrated coastal activities.

<u>Present law</u> provides for exceptions for certain activities that would otherwise require a coastal use permit.

<u>Proposed law</u> exempts from the requirement for a coastal use permit those activities performed by or at the direction of a levee district, a levee and drainage district, or a drainage district acting pursuant to the authority granted by law including but not limited to construction or maintenance of levees and water control structures including laterals associated with levees or water control structures, spraying, dredging, and placement of spoil material for the normal maintenance of the drainage channels and outfall canals for the purpose of maintaining drainage.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Adds R.S. 49:214.34(A)(11))