

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 605

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT: Authorizes a fee for expedited processing performed by the Department of Energy and Natural Resources

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:21.1, relative to expedited processing; to provide for expedited processing  
3 fees, costs, and waiver of expedited processing fees; and to provide for related  
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 30:21.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §21.1. Expedited processing fee

8 A. In addition to any fees provided by law or regulation, an expedited  
9 processing fee shall be charged to each applicant whose request for expedited  
10 processing is granted.

11 B.(1) The expedited processing fee shall be equal to the cost incurred by the  
12 department for each overtime hour, or portion thereof, that any employee or  
13 contractor devotes to the expedited review, at a rate not to exceed one-and-one-half  
14 times the standard hourly wage, including related benefits, of the highest paid  
15 eligible employee needed for the review.

16 (2) In addition, the department shall assess an administrative surcharge of  
17 up to twenty percent of the total overtime cost, which shall be no less than five  
18 hundred dollars.

1           C. This fee does not include any costs for mailing or delivery services  
2           beyond the department's normal level of service. If additional or expedited shipping  
3           is requested, those costs shall be borne by the applicant.

4           D. The expedited processing fee shall be waived if the need for the expedited  
5           processing is caused solely by an error, mistake, or delay on the part of the  
6           department.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for expedited processing fees, costs, and waiver of expedited processing fees.

Proposed law requires the dept. to charge an expedited processing fee in addition to any fees provided by law or regulation when an applicant is granted a request for expedited processing.

Proposed law provides the basis of assessing the fee based on costs incurred by the dept. and for an administrative surcharge of up to 20% of the total overtime cost.

Proposed law provides for additional mailing or delivery costs to be borne by the applicant for services beyond the dept.'s normal level of service.

Proposed law provides for a waiver of the processing fee if the need for expedited processing was caused by error, mistake, or delay of the dept.

(Adds R.S. 30:21.1)