
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to
Original House Bill No. 758 by Representative BrassAMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "(3)," and before "and (7)" insert "(4)," and after "2063(J)," and before "2195.3(B)," delete "2195(B),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 10, after "(3)," insert "(4),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 11, after "2063(J)," and before "2195.3(B)," delete "2195(B),"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

~~"(4)(a) In accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 2.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Environmental Quality may modify any fee that is in effect on June 30, 2002, is authorized by this Title, and is required to be deposited into the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account. Such a modification may increase the rate in effect on June 30, 2002, over the two-year fiscal period beginning July 1, 2002, as follows: the department may increase any such fee by a maximum of twenty percent, effective on or after July 1, 2002, and by a maximum of ten percent above the rate in effect on June 30, 2003, effective on or after July 1, 2003. Within ninety days of the promulgation and adoption of any regulation necessary to implement the fees herein, the Department of Environmental Quality shall submit a written report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget for its approval which details the proposed use for the fee increase, efforts to decrease the processing time for permits, efforts to increase the number of inspections conducted at regulated facilities, enforcement activities, and efforts to increase the collection of fines imposed by the Department of Environmental Quality. the secretary may establish fees within each medium the department regulates, through the rulemaking process. The fees charged shall be reflective of the department's work and costs necessary to issue and enforce each permit, and the corresponding fee schedules and matrices shall contemplate the scale and scope of each permit, facility, or other parameters necessary to determine the fees the department will assess. The fees promulgated by the department shall not exceed the following:~~

~~(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Environmental Quality may increase the following fees from the amounts in effect on March 14, 2015, as authorized by this Title or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant thereto, and is required to be deposited into the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account as follows:~~

~~(i) Ground water fees provided for in Chapter 14 of Part 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Administrative Code may be increased by up to ten percent.~~

~~(ii) Air fees provided for in Part III of Title 33 of the Louisiana Administrative Code may be increased by up to ten percent. A minimum application fee of five hundred dollars and a minimum annual maintenance fee of two hundred fifty dollars may be established. The maximum annual maintenance fee for natural gas compressors provided in LAC 33:III.223, Table 1, Categories 1430 through 1490 shall not exceed forty-one thousand six hundred twelve dollars for any one gas~~

1 transmission permit. In addition, the secretary is hereby authorized to establish a fee
2 schedule for the following:

3 (aa) ~~An application fee for a new, modification, or renewal of an acid rain~~
4 ~~permit not to exceed five hundred dollars.~~

5 (bb) ~~An application fee for the renewal with no modification of an operating~~
6 ~~permit not to exceed the minimum minor permit modification fee.~~

7 (cc) ~~An annual fee charged for sources permitted pursuant to 40 CFR Part 70~~
8 ~~and required to obtain a permit pursuant to Title V of the federal Clean Air Act not~~
9 ~~to exceed twenty percent of the total annual maintenance fees.~~

10 (iii) ~~Hazardous waste fees provided in Part V of Title 33 of the Louisiana~~
11 ~~Administrative Code may be increased by up to twenty-five percent. In addition, the~~
12 ~~secretary is hereby authorized to establish a fee schedule for the following:~~

13 (aa) ~~An annual maintenance fee for hazardous waste treatment, storage, and~~
14 ~~disposal facilities that are in post-closure not to exceed four thousand one hundred~~
15 ~~twenty-five dollars.~~

16 (bb) ~~An application fee for hazardous waste transfer facilities not to exceed~~
17 ~~one thousand nine hundred dollars.~~

18 (cc) ~~An application fee for used oil transfer facilities not to exceed one~~
19 ~~thousand three hundred dollars.~~

20 (dd) ~~An application fee for an extension of the accumulation time by~~
21 ~~hazardous waste generators not to exceed five hundred dollars.~~

22 (iv)(aa) ~~Solid waste fees provided in Part VII of Title 33 of the Louisiana~~
23 ~~Administrative Code may be increased by up to twenty-five percent.~~

24 (bb) ~~Tonnage fees for non-industrial wastes provided for in LAC~~
25 ~~33:VII.1505(B)(2)(b) may be applied for amounts exceeding twenty-five thousand~~
26 ~~tons.~~

27 (v) ~~Water quality fees in Part IX of Title 33 of the Louisiana Administrative~~
28 ~~Code may be increased by up to ten percent. In addition the secretary is hereby~~
29 ~~authorized to establish a fee schedule for the following:~~

30 (aa) ~~A general permit for oil and gas wells in the coastal and territorial seas~~
31 ~~provided for in LAC 33:IX.1309(N) charged annually based upon each application~~
32 ~~for coverage under the general permit not to exceed one thousand seven hundred~~
33 ~~fifty dollars.~~

34 (bb) ~~A general permit for sewage sludge authorizations charged annually not~~
35 ~~to exceed six hundred dollars.~~

36 (cc) ~~An annual fee for sewage sludge individual permits not to exceed two~~
37 ~~thousand dollars.~~

38 (vi)(aa) ~~Underground storage tank fees provided for in Part XI of Title 33 of~~
39 ~~the Louisiana Administrative Code may be increased by up to ten percent.~~

40 (bb) ~~The secretary is hereby authorized to establish a fee schedule for the~~
41 ~~amendment of registrations not to exceed sixty dollars.~~

42 (vii)(aa) ~~Radiation protection fees in Part XV of Title 33 of the Louisiana~~
43 ~~Administrative Code may be increased by up to ten percent.~~

44 (bb) ~~The secretary is hereby authorized to establish a fee schedule for a~~
45 ~~license renewal application fee not to exceed the new application fee.~~

46 (viii) ~~Any increase authorized by this Subparagraph by a certain percentage~~
47 ~~shall be rounded up to the nearest dollar.~~

48 (c) ~~Within ninety days of the promulgation and adoption of any regulation~~
49 ~~necessary to implement the fees authorized by Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph,~~
50 ~~the department shall submit a written report to the Joint Legislative Committee on~~
51 ~~the Budget for its approval which details the proposed use for the fee increase,~~
52 ~~efforts to decrease the processing time for permits, efforts to increase the number of~~
53 ~~inspections conducted at regulated facilities, enforcement activities, and efforts to~~
54 ~~increase the collection of fines imposed by the department.~~

55 (a) Groundwater Protection Fees in Part I of Title 33 of the Louisiana
56 Administrative Code shall not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars for any one site
57 annually.

1 (b) Laboratory Accreditation Fees in Part I of Title 33 of the Louisiana
2 Administrative Code shall not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars per test
3 scope category annually.

4 (c) Air Quality Control Fees in Part III of Title 33 of the Louisiana
5 Administrative Code shall be based on the number of emissions points or the total
6 tons actually emitted. The application fee or annual fee per emission point shall not
7 exceed one hundred dollars per point. The annual fee per ton for criteria pollutants
8 shall not exceed one hundred dollars annually.

9 (i) Class I Toxic Air Pollutants shall be four times the criteria pollutant rate
10 annually.

11 (ii) Class II Toxic Air Pollutants shall be three times the criteria pollutant
12 rate annually.

13 (iii) Class III Toxic Air Pollutants shall be two times the criteria pollutant
14 rate annually.

15 (d) Hazardous Waste Fees in Part V of Title 33 of the Louisiana
16 Administrative Code shall not exceed seven hundred seventy-five thousand dollars
17 for any one permit annually.

18 (e) Solid Waste Fees in Part VII of Title 33 of the Louisiana Administrative
19 Code shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars for any one permit
20 annually.

21 (f) Water Quality Fees in Part IX of Title 33 of the Louisiana Administrative
22 Code shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars for any one permit
23 annually.

24 (g) Radiation Protection Fees in Part XV of Title 33 of the Louisiana
25 Administrative Code shall not exceed seven hundred seventy-five thousand dollars
26 for any one license annually."

27 AMENDMENT NO. 5

28 On page 7, delete lines 1 through 23 in their entirety

29 AMENDMENT NO. 6

30 On page 11, line 8, after "30:2014(D)" and before "and (6)" delete "(4), (5)," and insert "(5)"