

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 39

BY SENATOR LONG

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MINERALS. Provides that a nonexclusive geophysical permittee will pay the permit fee to the office of mineral resources. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:215(A), relative to nonexclusive geophysical permits; to
3 provide certain terms, conditions, and requirements for certain nonexclusive
4 geophysical permits; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 30:215(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §215. Nonexclusive geophysical permits

8 A. A nonexclusive permit to conduct seismic, geophysical, or geological
9 surveying upon state-owned lands, including water bottoms, shall be valid for one
10 year from the date of issuance. However, if operations commence within the year
11 and are ceased due to unforeseen circumstances, the term may be extended for up to
12 one year from the cessation of operations by the secretary of Department of Natural
13 Resources. The permittee shall pay to the office of **mineral resources at the time**
14 **of application for the seismic permit a fee. Such fee shall be determined by** the
15 State Mineral and Energy Board at least every twelve ~~month~~ **months** or ~~more~~ **as**
16 often as necessary. The fee shall be based upon market value but shall be no more
17 than thirty dollars and no less than five dollars per acre.

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2 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
3 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
4 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
5 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
6 effective on the day following such approval.

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

DIGEST

Present law provides for the payment of fees for nonexclusive geophysical permits.

Proposed law requires the permittee to pay permit fees to the office of mineral resources at the time of application and provides that the State Mineral and Energy Board may determine fees every twelve months or as often as necessary.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 30:215(A))