

SENATE BILL NO. 39

BY SENATOR LONG

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

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§215. Nonexclusive geophysical permits

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

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____