
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Ward to Reengrossed House Bill No. 29 by Representative DeVillier

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 Delete Amendment Nos. 1, 2, 7, and 14 proposed by the Senate Committee on Revenue and
3 Fiscal Affairs and adopted by the Senate on October 14, 2020.

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 2, delete "R.S. 47:631" and insert "R.S. 30:86(C) and to enact R.S.
6 47:633(7)(e)"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, line 3, change "certain wells" to "certain orphaned, newly drilled, and newly
9 enhanced wells"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 On page 1, line 4, after "exemption;" insert "to increase the cap on the Oilfield Site
12 Restoration Fund;"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 5

14 On page 1, between lines 7 and 8 insert:

15 "Section 1. R.S. 30:86(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
16 §86. Oilfield Site Restoration Fund

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18 C. The treasurer of the state of Louisiana shall certify, to the secretary of the
19 Department of Revenue, the date on which the balance in the fund equals or exceeds
20 ~~fourteen~~ twenty-five million dollars. The oilfield site restoration fees on oil and gas
21 provided for in R.S. 30:87 shall not be collected or required to be paid on or after the
22 first day of the second month following the certification, except that the secretary of
23 the Department of Revenue shall resume collecting the fees on receipt of a
24 certification from the treasurer that, based on the expenditures or commitments to
25 expend monies, the fund has fallen below ten million dollars. The secretary of the
26 Department of Revenue shall continue collecting the fees until collections are again
27 suspended in the manner provided by this Section. The sums in the site-specific trust
28 accounts within the fund, the sums collected from financial security instruments
29 required by rules and regulations adopted by the assistant secretary pursuant to R.S.
30 30:4(R) and 4.3, and sums generated from the issuance of bonds pursuant to R.S.
31 30:83.1 shall not be counted to determine the balance of the fund for the purposes of
32 this Subsection.

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34 AMENDMENT NO. 6

35 On page 1, line 8, change "Section 1." to "Section 2."

36 AMENDMENT NO. 7

37 On page 1, delete line 17, and insert:

38 "Section on oil production from an orphaned, newly drilled, or newly completed"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 8

2 On page 2, line 4, change "October 1, 2020" to "January 1, 2021"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 9

4 On page 2, line 4, delete "The" and delete lines 5 and 6, and insert:

5 "(aa) The exemption for wells that have undergone well enhancements shall
6 last for a period of six months or until payout of the well cost is achieved, whichever
7 occurs first.

8 (bb) The exemption for new wells shall last for a period of twelve months or
9 until payout of the well cost is achieved, whichever occurs first.

10 (cc) The exemption for orphaned wells shall last for a period of twenty-four
11 months or until payout of the well cost is achieved, whichever occurs first.

12 (dd) The exemption period shall begin the first day of the month after the
13 operator notifies the Department of Revenue that new or post enhancement
14 production has commenced. Notification shall be in a form approved by the secretary
15 of the Department of Revenue.

16 (ee) There shall be no more than one exemption authorized pursuant to this
17 Subparagraph for any wellhead."

18 AMENDMENT NO. 10

19 On page 2, between lines 23 and 24, insert:

20 "(iv) If an orphaned well is unable to produce in paying quantities, the
21 operator may be reimbursed reasonable costs paid or incurred to plug and abandon
22 the orphaned well from the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund with the approval of the
23 secretary of the Department of Natural Resources following certification of proper
24 plugging and abandonment by the office of conservation. The secretary may approve
25 or deny the reimbursement in whole or in part. The Department of Natural
26 Resources, in consultation with the office of conservation, shall promulgate any rules
27 necessary to implement this Subparagraph including rules setting forth the guidelines
28 for determining rates of reimbursement and procedures for notifying the office of
29 conservation of the commencement of plugging and abandonment by the operator.

30 (v) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, R.S. 30:87(F)(1)
31 shall apply to production from wells receiving an exemption pursuant to this
32 Subparagraph during the applicable exemption period."

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34 AMENDMENT NO. 11

35 On page 2, line 24, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."