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MINERALS: Provides relative to hydraulic fracturing

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:28.2, relative to hydraulic fracturing; to provide for a minimum setback applicable to certain wells and test wells; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:28.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§28.2. Minimum setback; hydraulic fracturing

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner of conservation shall not issue a permit to drill a well or a test well which utilizes the application of fluids with force or pressure in order to create artificial fractures in a formation for the purpose of improving the capacity to produce hydrocarbons if such a well or test well is within one thousand three hundred and twenty feet of any residential dwelling, school, hospital, or nursing home.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes a minimum setback for hydraulic fracturing in relation to residential dwellings, schools, hospitals, and nursing homes.

Present law authorizes the commissioner of conservation to issue permits for the exploration of minerals.

Proposed law retains present law but prohibits the commissioner from issuing permits for hydraulic fracturing when such a well or test well is within 1,320 feet of any residential dwelling, school, hospital, or nursing home.

(Adds R.S. 30:28.2)