

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 784

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOVE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:21(B)(1) and 136.1(D) and to enact R.S. 30:4(P), relative to  
3 fees collected by the commissioner of conservation; to provide for fees for activities  
4 regulated by the office of conservation; to provide for application, compliance, and  
5 fees; to authorize the commissioner of conservation to develop and implement an  
6 expedited permitting processing program; to provide for notice of an expedited  
7 permit; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 30:21(B)(1) and 136.1(D) are hereby amended and reenacted and  
10 R.S. 30:4(P) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §4. Jurisdiction, duties, and powers of the assistant secretary; rules and regulations

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13 P. The commissioner is authorized to develop and implement a program to  
14 expedite the processing of permits, modifications, licenses, registrations, or variances  
15 for permit applicants who may request such services. In addition to the fees charged  
16 pursuant to this Subtitle, a fee for an expedited permit shall be charged to each  
17 applicant equal to the cost of every overtime hour, or portion thereof, an employee  
18 or contractor works processing the expedited permit and an amount not exceeding  
19 twenty percent for administrative costs. The overtime rate shall not exceed the  
20 maximum per hour overtime salary, calculated at one and one half times the hourly  
21 wage and including associated related benefits, of a civil service employee of the  
22 office of conservation. The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations in  
23 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of



1 a stripper crude oil well or incapable gas well certified pursuant to R.S. 47:633 by  
 2 the severance tax division of the Department of Revenue and located in the same  
 3 field as such Class II well.

4 (d) There shall be an application fee payable to the office of conservation,  
 5 in a form and schedule prescribed by the office of conservation, by industries under  
 6 the jurisdiction of the office of conservation. ~~The commissioner may, in accordance~~  
 7 ~~with the Administrative Procedure Act, increase any application~~ In addition to any  
 8 other fee that is on the schedule on July 1, 2002 2015, to an amount not in excess of  
 9 eight and one-half percent above the amount charged for the fee on July 1, 2002. the  
 10 commissioner may collect the following fees:

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| 11 | <u>(i) Application for alternate unit well, exception</u>    | <u>\$ 504</u>  |
| 12 | <u>to 29-E, exception to 29-B, severance tax relief,</u>     |                |
| 13 | <u>downhole combinations, well product</u>                   |                |
| 14 | <u>reclassification, selective completion, pilot</u>         |                |
| 15 | <u>projects, waiver of production test, or critical</u>      |                |
| 16 | <u>date order</u>  |                |
| 17 | <u>(ii) Application for work permit - minerals</u>           | <u>\$ 75</u>   |
| 18 | <u>(iii) Application to amend permit to drill - minerals</u> | <u>\$ 50</u>   |
| 19 | <u>(lease unit well, stripper, incapable, other)</u>         |                |
| 20 | <u>(iv) Operator registration</u>                            | <u>\$ 105</u>  |
| 21 | <u>(v) Annual compliance review fee - class III</u>          | <u>\$2,000</u> |
| 22 | <u>solution mining cavern</u>                                |                |
| 23 | <u>(vi) Annual compliance review fee - class II</u>          | <u>\$2,000</u> |
| 24 | <u>hydrocarbon storage and exploration and</u>               |                |
| 25 | <u>production waste cavern</u>                               |                |
| 26 | <u>(vii) Class II carbon dioxide enhanced</u>                | <u>\$5,000</u> |
| 27 | <u>recovery project</u>                                      |                |
| 28 | <u>(viii) Community saltwater disposal system initial</u>    | <u>\$ 125</u>  |
| 29 | <u>notification</u>  |                |
| 30 | <u>(ix) Application for work permit - injection or other</u> | <u>\$ 125</u>  |

1	<u>(x) Work permit to plug and abandon a well utilized</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>
2	<u>for naturally occurring radioactive waste disposal</u>	
3	<u>(xi) Requests to modify well permit</u>	<u>\$ 300</u>
4	<u>(xii) Class V permit waiver or exemption request</u>	<u>\$ 250</u>
5	<u>(xiii) Witnessed verification of mechanical</u>	<u>\$ 250</u>
6	<u>integrity tests</u>	
7	<u>(xiv) Transfer stations regulatory fee for exploration</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
8	<u>and production waste</u>	
9	<u>(xv) Request to transport exploration and</u>	<u>\$ 150</u>
10	<u>production waste to commercial facilities</u>	
11	<u>or transfer stations</u>	
12	<u>(xvi) Authorization for after-hours disposal</u>	<u>\$ 150</u>
13	<u>of exploration and production waste</u>	
14	<u>(xvii) Exploration and production waste</u>	<u>\$ 300</u>
15	<u>determination</u>	
16	<u>(xviii) Commercial facility transfer station application</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>
17	<u>(xix) Commercial facility application exclusive</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
18	<u>of an associated well</u>	
19	<u>(xx) Commercial facility annual closure plan and</u>	<u>\$ 300</u>
20	<u>cost estimate review</u>	
21	<u>(xxi) Commercial facility reuse material applications</u>	<u>\$ 300</u>
22	<u>(xxii) Reuse material applications not associated with</u>	<u>\$ 400</u>
23	<u>a commercial facility</u>	

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§136.1. Proceeds from mineral royalties, leases, and bonuses; payment into the Bond Security and Redemption Fund; payment into the Louisiana Investment Fund for Enhancement (L.I.F.E.)

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D. After deposit to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as required under the provisions of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana,

1           an additional fifteen dollars per acre shall be collected from the mineral lessees and  
 2           deposited into the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund, and an  
 3           additional ~~five~~ fifteen dollars per acre shall be collected from the mineral lessees and  
 4           deposited into the Oil and Gas Regulatory Fund created by R.S. 30:21. The funds  
 5           deposited under the provisions of this Subsection shall be used to supplement funds  
 6           available to the recipient agencies and shall not be used to supplant other funds  
 7           available to those recipient agencies.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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