

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 465

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

CONSERVATION/OFFICE: Provides for certain fees collected by the office of conservation

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:21(B)(1)(e) and to repeal R.S. 30:21(B)(1)(d)(xiv), (xvi), (xviii), (xx), and
3 (xxi), relative to fees collected by the commissioner of conservation; to provide for
4 fees for activities regulated by the office of conservation; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:21(B)(1)(e) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §21. Fees and charges of the commissioner of conservation; revisions; exceptions;
9 collections; Oil and Gas Regulatory Fund; creation; amounts; requirements

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11 B.(1)

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13 (e) For the purposes of this Paragraph, exploration and production waste shall
14 not include produced brine, produced water, or salvageable hydrocarbons bound for
15 permitted salvage oil operators. There shall be a monthly fee payable to the office
16 of conservation of two cents per barrel of exploration and production waste
17 delivered, as reported on a form prescribed by the department to collect commercial
18 facilities monthly report of waste receipts, from the original generator of the waste
19 to the following facilities:

20 (i) Office of conservation permitted off-site commercial facilities.

1 (ii) Transfer stations permitted by the office of conservation for waste
2 transfer to out-of-state treatment or disposal facilities.

3 (iii) Any other legally permitted Louisiana off-site waste storage, treatment,
4 or disposal facilities also approved by the office of conservation for the receipt of
5 exploration and production waste.

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7 Section 2. R.S. 30:21(B)(1)(d)(xiv), (xvi), (xviii), (xx), and (xxi) are hereby repealed
8 in its entirety.

DIGEST

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HB 465 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for fees collected by the Dept. of Natural Resources, office of conservation, for exploration and productions waste.

Proposed law repeals certain fees collected by the office of conservation as follows:

<u>Fee</u>	<u>Present</u>
Transfer stations regulatory fee for exploration and production waste	\$ 2,500
Authorization for after-hours disposal of exploration and production waste	\$ 150
Commercial facility transfer station application	\$ 1,500
Commercial facility annual closure plan and cost estimate review	\$ 300
Commercial facility reuse material applications	\$ 300

Proposed law authorizes a monthly fee payable to the office of conservation of two cents per barrel of exploration and production waste delivered from the original generator of the waste to the following facilities:

1. Office of conservation permitted off-site commercial facilities.
2. Transfer stations permitted by the office of conservation for waste transfer to out-of-state treatment or disposal facilities.
3. Any other legally permitted Louisiana off-site waste storage, treatment, or disposal facilities also approved by the office of conservation for the receipt of exploration and production waste.

Proposed law prohibits exploration and production waste from including produced brine, produced water, or salvageable hydrocarbons bound for permitted salvage oil operators.

(Adds R.S. 30:21(B)(1)(e), Repeals R.S. 30:21(B)(1)(d)(xiv), (xvi), (xviii), (xx), and (xxi))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Repeal certain fees collected by the office of conservation.
2. Add a fee of two cents per barrel of exploration and production waste delivered to certain facilities from the original generator.