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**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2019 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Jim Morris to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 159 by Senator Donahue

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 24:513(D)(4)(b)" and before the comma "," insert "and to enact  
3 R.S. 24:513(D)(4)(c) through (e)"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 4, after "units;" and before "to" insert "to provide with respect to severance  
6 tax; to provide with respect to the severance tax on oil produced from a stripper well; to  
7 exempt oil produced from a stripper well from severance tax under certain conditions; to  
8 require the auditor to make certain determinations;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, line 7, after "reenacted" and before "to" insert "and R.S. 24:513(D)(4)(c) through  
11 (e) is hereby enacted"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 4

13 On page 2, between lines 5 and 6 insert the following:

14 "(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 47:633, oil produced from  
15 certified stripper wells shall be exempt from severance tax in any month in which the  
16 average value of oil produced from a certified stripper well is less than twenty  
17 dollars per barrel provided all required reports have been timely submitted to the  
18 auditor verifying that the well did not produce an average of more than ten barrels  
19 of oil per day during the entire calendar month. For purposes of this Subparagraph,  
20 the auditor shall determine on a quarterly basis, the oil value upon which the  
21 exemption of a certified stripper well shall be based. This determination shall be  
22 based upon the average New York Mercantile Exchange Price per barrel of oil per  
23 month for the prior three months.

24 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 47:633, beginning on July 1,  
25 2020, and continuing through December 31, 2029, oil produced from a certified  
26 stripper well shall be exempt from severance tax in any month in which the average  
27 value of oil produced from a certified stripper well is less than seventy-five dollars  
28 per barrel provided all required reports have been timely submitted to the auditor  
29 verifying that the well did not produce an average of more than ten barrels per day  
30 during the entire calendar month. For purposes of this Subparagraph, the auditor  
31 shall determine on a quarterly basis the oil value upon which the exemption for a  
32 certified stripper well shall be based. This determination shall be based upon the  
33 average New York Mercantile Exchange Price per barrel of crude oil per month for  
34 the prior three months.

35 (c) Except as provided for in R.S. 47:633, on oil produced from a well in a  
36 stripper field classified by the commissioner of conservation as a mining and  
37 horizontal drilling project which utilizes gravity drainage to a collection point in a  
38 downhole operations room, the tax rate applicable to the oil severed from such well  
39 shall be one-quarter of the rate set forth in Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph

1 provided that the well has been classified by the commissioner as a mining and  
2 horizontal drilling project before the lower rate is claimed on a tax return."