

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 500

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ENERGY: Provides relative to nonconsenting mineral interest owners within a carbon dioxide storage unit

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1104.2(I), relative to mineral interests within a carbon
3 dioxide sequestration unit; to provide for reimbursement to mineral owners for
4 additional costs incurred to drill through the unit; to provide for compensation to
5 mineral owners; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:1104.2(I) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1104.2. Unitization

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10 I.(1) Except as provided in R.S. 30:1108(B)(2), nothing in this Section shall
11 prevent persons having the right to do so from drilling through the storage unit in
12 such manner as shall comply with the rules of the ~~commissioner~~ secretary issued for
13 the purpose of protecting the storage unit or an associated storage facility against
14 pollution or invasion and against the escape or migration of carbon dioxide.

15 (2) Any nonconsenting mineral interest owner who is prevented from
16 exploring for or producing minerals due to the presence of a storage unit shall be
17 compensated by the unit operator for the value of the minerals located beneath the
18 unit that the mineral interest owner would otherwise be able to explore for and
19 produce.

