

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2016 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to
Original House Bill No. 632 by Representative Jim Morris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "30:3(18) and 4.3" to "30:4.3"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "activity" insert "to authorize the commissioner of conservation to promulgate rules and regulations;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 7, change "30:3(18) and 4.3" to "30:4.3"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 8 through 17 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 7 through 28 in its entirety and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 7 in their entirety and insert the following

"B.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph 2 of this Subsection, the amount of the financial security shall be provided for in rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The amounts may be on an individual well or multiple well basis and may be categorized based on the well's location.

(2)(a) For an individual well located on land of a depth equal to or less than three thousand feet, the financial security required shall be no more than two dollars per foot.

(b) For multiple wells located on land, the financial security required shall be no more than twenty-five thousand for ten or fewer wells, one-hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for eleven to ninety-nine wells, or two-hundred fifty thousand dollars for one-hundred or more wells.

C. Operators shall not be required to provide financial security in the following circumstances:

(1) All wells exempt from financial security prior September 1, 2015, shall remain exempt so long as they remain with their current operator or the operator's immediate family as defined in R.S. 42:1102(13). A change of name by an operator of record through acquisition, merger, or otherwise does not preclude said successor operator from maintaining the exemption described herein.

(2) Any well declared to be orphan by the commissioner or any well held by another operator and subsequently transferred to an operator who has no outstanding violations and who has a record of compliance with applicable statutory requirements and the rules and regulations of the office of conservation for a period of forty-eight months immediately prior to the transfer.

(3) A well by an operator who has an agreement with the office of conservation to plug a well that has been declared orphan by the commissioner and that orphaned well is similar to the proposed in terms of depth and location.