

2025 Regular Session

LSLI Disposition Sheet for Title 31

Effective date is August 1, 2025 unless otherwise noted

| <u>LSA-R.S.</u> | <u>Effect</u> | <u>Act No.</u> | <u>Section</u> | <u>Sp. Eff. Dt.</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| ✓ 31:115(C)(1)(b) | ----- Amend ----- | 458 | ----- 3 ----- ✓ | 10/01/2025 ✓ |

Approved by MPK on 7-25-25
(Attorney)
JW on 9/25/2025
(Revisor)

ACT 458
2025 Regular Session
Edit Sheet

La. State Law Institute
PRINTER'S COPY
NO EDITS

Classification RS 31

- COPY PGS. 1-5, 180, 226-227

ACT 458

2025 Regular Session

ENROLLED

SENATE BILL NO. 244 (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 193 by Senator Hensgens)

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

**La. State Law Institute
PRINTER'S COPY**

Edits To: ALL Pgs. _____

Note: SEE ATTACHED EDIT SHEET

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~30:1~~ (section heading), (A), (B), and (C), the introductory paragraph of 3, 3(3), (6), (7), (9), and (18), 4(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(1)(a)(v) and (b), (14), (16)(b), (17)(b), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(1), (2), (3), and (5), (E), (F), (G), (H), introductory paragraph of (I), (I)(1), (3), (4), (5), (9), and (11), (K), introductory paragraph of (L)(1), introductory paragraph of (M), (M)(3), (6)(b), (O)(1) and (2), (P), (Q), introductory paragraph of (R), and (T), introductory paragraph of 4.1(B), (C), (D), (E), (F)(1), (I), and (K), 4.2, 4.3, 5(A), (B), (C)(1), introductory paragraph of (2), (2)(d), (4), and (6), and (D)(1) and the introductory paragraph of (2), 5.1(A)(1), (2), introductory paragraph of (3), (3)(e), (5), (6), (7), (8), and (9), (B)(1), (2), and introductory paragraph of (3), (5), (7), (9), (10), (12), and (13), 5.2(A), (B), the introductory paragraph of (C), (E), (F), (G), and (H), 6, 6.1(A), (B), (C), (D)(1), and (F), 8(A)(1), (2), (3), and (4), and (B), introductory paragraph of 9(A), (B), (C), and (D), the introductory paragraph of 10(A), the introductory paragraph of (A)(1), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2)(a)(i), (b)(ii)(ii), introductory paragraph of (vi), (vi)(bb), (c), (d), and (f), and (3), (B), and (C)(7), 10.1(B)(1), (3), (4), and (5), 11.1, 12(A), (B)(1), (2), (3), (4), introductory paragraph of (5), and (5)(f), and (C), 13, 14, 15, 18(A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)(a)(i) and (ii), (b), (c)(i)(ff), (ii), (iii), (d), and (e), and (B), 20(A) and (D), 21(A) and (B)(1)(a), (b), (c), the introductory paragraph of

1 (d) and (e), and (2)(a) and (b), the introductory paragraphs of 22(B) and (C), (D), and
2 (E), introductory paragraph of 23(B), (C), and (D), 23.1(A), 25(A)(2), (3), (5), (6),
3 and (7), (D), (E), and (F), 26(A), the introductory paragraph of 27(A), (D), and (F),
4 28(A), (C), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(2), (3), (5), (6), and (7), (F), (G), (H),
5 introductory paragraph of (I)(1), (1)(a), (d), and (g), and (J), 29(A), (B)(1), (C)(1),
6 (3)(a), (5), and (6)(b) and (c), (D)(1) through (3), (E)(1), (F), (H)(1), (I)(2) and (4),
7 the introductory paragraph of (M)(1), and (M)(1)(c), 41, 42, 44, 45, 48, introductory
8 paragraph of 61, 73(1), 74(A) and (B), 79(A), (B), and (C), 82(1), (6), (7), (11), and
9 (14), 83(A)(5) and (7), 83.1(B)(3), 85(A)(3) and (C), 86(A)(2), (D)(8), (9), and (10),
10 (E)(2) as enacted by Section 1 of Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of
11 the Legislature of Louisiana, (6), and (7), (G), and (H), 87(A), introductory
12 paragraph of (F)(1)(a), and introductory paragraph of (b) as enacted by Section 1 of
13 Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana,
14 88(B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (I), and introductory paragraph of (J), 88.1(A)(3) and (4),
15 (C), (D), (E), (G), and (H), 88.2(C), introductory paragraph of (E), (E)(1), and (F),
16 89(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(2) and (3), and (D), 90(C),
17 introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(1) and (4), and (E)(4), introductory paragraph of
18 R.S. 30:91(A), 91(A)(1), (B)(1), (2)(a) and (c), (3), and (4), and (D), 92(A) and (C),
19 introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:93(A), 94(A), introductory paragraph of (B)(1),
20 (2)(b), and (3), and (C), 95(B), (C), and (D), 101.2(A), 101.3(2), 101.4, 101.5(A)(2),
21 introductory paragraph of 101.6(A) and (B), 101.7(A), 101.8, introductory paragraph
22 of 101.9(D), (D)(1) and (2), 101.10(A) and introductory paragraph of (B), 101.13(A)
23 and (B)(2), and (C)(4), 101.14(A) and (B), introductory paragraph of R.S.
24 30:103.1(A), 121(A), (C), and (D), 125, 127.1(C)(10) and (11), and (D),
25 129(B)(1)(a), 135, 136.3(B)(1), (C) and (D), 143(D)(2) and (3), 148.8, 148.9(A)(1)
26 and (2), 153, 172, the introductory paragraph of 209(4)(e), 209.1(A) and (B)(1),
27 413(A) and (B), 414(A), 502(D), 503(1), (2), (4), (6), and (8), 504, the introductory
28 paragraph of 521(A) and 521(C), 524, 525, introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:541
29 and 541(2), 544(A) and (B), introductory paragraph of 546(A), (A)(5), (B), and (C),
30 introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:548, 551, 557(A), (B), (C), (D), the introductory

1 paragraph of (E), (E)(1), (F), and (G), 558(A), (B), (D), (F), (G), and (H), 559(A) and
 2 (C), 560(B), (C), and (D), 561(A), (B), and (C), 571, introductory paragraph of
 3 572(1), (1)(f), (h), and (i), 603(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), and (G), 604, 681.1(5), (8), and
 4 (9), 681.2(2) and (3), 702(1), (2)(b), and (5), 703, 704(B), (C), (D), and (E), 705(A)
 5 and (B), 706, 707, 722, 723(A), (F), and (H), 731(1), 732, 802, 904(2), (4), (7), (9),
 6 (12), (20), 905(A), introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(2), (8), and (9), and (C),
 7 905.1(A) and (B)(2), introductory paragraph of 905.3(A)(1), (B), (C), (E)(1), and (F),
 8 906.1, 907(A) and introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(9), (11), (12), (13)(b), (15),
 9 (17), and (18), (C)(1), (D), (F), and (G), 908(A)(12) and (B), 915(B)(7), (9), (10)(f),
 10 (12), introductory paragraph of (15), (15)(e), (20), (22)(e), (25), introductory
 11 paragraph of (C)(2), (2)(d), introductory paragraph of (3), and (4), (D)(3) and (4),
 12 (E)(1), (4), and (5), 917(A)(1), introductory paragraph of (2), (2)(d), (3), (B), (D),
 13 (E), (F), and (G), 921, 1102, 1103(3), (14), and (15), introductory paragraph of
 14 1104(A), 1104(A)(3), (9), (10), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (D), (E), the
 15 introductory paragraph of 1107(A)(1), (A)(2), (B), (C), and the introductory
 16 paragraph of (D), 1108(A)(1), (B), and (D), introductory paragraph of 1109(A)(1),
 17 1109(C), (D), (E), (F), and (G), 1110(A), (B)(1), introductory paragraph of (C),
 18 introductory paragraph of (C)(1), (1)(b), (f), (g), and (h), (2), and (3), introductory
 19 paragraph of (G), (H), and (I), 1115, 2200, 2455, and introductory paragraph of
 20 2456(A), R.S. 31:115(C)(1)(b), R.S. 36:351, 352, 353, 354(A)(7), (10), (13), and
 21 (15), (B)(1)(b), (2), (4), (6), (8), (10), and (12), 355, 356, 357, 358, the introductory
 22 paragraphs of 359(A) and (B), (B)(1) and (2), and (C), R.S. 38:3072, 3073(8),
 23 introductory paragraph of 3076(A), (A)(3), (4), (7), (8), (9), (14)(b), and (24), (C),
 24 (D), (E), introductory paragraph of (F)(1), (F)(1)(b), and (2), 3077, 3078, 3079,
 25 3081, 3083, 3087.136(4), 3087.138, 3092(2) and (4), 3093, the introductory
 26 paragraph of 3094(A), (A)(1) through (4), the introductory paragraph of 3094(B),
 27 (B)(7), the introductory paragraph of 3094(C), and (C)(1), 3097.1(C), 3097.2(1), (4),
 28 (7), and (9), 3097.3(A) and (B), the introductory paragraphs of 3097.3(C) and
 29 (C)(4)(a), (C)(4)(a)(v) and (b), and (8), (D), (E), (F)(1), the introductory paragraph
 30 of (2), the introductory paragraph of (d), and the introductory paragraph of (f), and

1 (G), 3097.6(A), the introductory paragraphs of 3097.6(B) and (B)(3), 3097.8(A) and
2 (C), the introductory paragraph of 3098(A), 3098(B) and (E), and 3098.1(4), R.S.
3 44:4.1(B)(19), R.S. 45:251(3), 252, and 255, R.S. 49:214.29(B) and 992(D)(7), R.S.
4 56:432.1(C)(2), 700.13(B), and 700.14(B), to enact R.S. 30:3(21) and (22), 4(C)(21)
5 and (D)(6), 21.1, 29(C)(6)(d), 86(I) and (J), 93(C), Part VIII of Chapter 1 of Subtitle
6 I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of 98.1
7 through 98.13, 124.1, 136.3(B)(6) and (7), 209(6), and 2454(33), R.S. 36:351.1,
8 354(B)(13) and (14), 354.1, 356.1(B)(6) and (7) and (D), and 359(D) and 600, R.S.
9 38:3098(G), R.S. 39:1367(E)(2)(b)(xi), and R.S. 45:251(4), and to repeal R.S. 17:200
10 through 220, R.S. 30:4(N), 85(D)(11), 86(F), 136.3(E), Part III of Chapter 2 of
11 Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana, comprised of R.S. 30:186
12 through 188, 1103(10), 1104(F), 2458, 2469, and 2470 through 2474, and R.S.
13 38:3073(2), 3074, 3075, 3080, 3097.4, 3097.7, and 3098.6(A)(1), relative to the
14 Department of Energy and Natural Resources; to rename the Department of Energy
15 and Natural Resources as the Department of Conservation and Energy; to provide for
16 the structure and organization of the department; to provide for definitions; to
17 provide for bonding authority; to provide for the creation of offices; to provide for
18 the secretary; to provide for the deputy secretary; to provide for the undersecretary;
19 to provide for directors; to provide for the authority to promulgate rules and
20 regulations; to provide for expedited permits; to provide for the Natural Resources
21 Financial Security Fund; to provide for enforcement; to provide for the Natural
22 Resources Commission; to provide for the Louisiana Natural Resources Trust
23 Authority; to provide for water resource management; to provide for net state
24 supported debt; to provide for orphan oil wells; to provide for the State Mineral and
25 Energy Board; to provide for the transfer of entities; to provide for the Oyster Lease
26 Acquisition and Compensation Program; to provide for conditions, terms, and
27 procedures; to provide for the issuance of certificates of public convenience and
28 necessity; to provide for carbon dioxide sequestration policy; to provide for notice;
29 to provide for remediation; to provide for an administrative process for resolution of
30 disputes within the department's jurisdiction; to provide for oilfield site restoration;

1 and to provide for related matters.

2 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

3 Section 1. R.S. 30:1(section heading), (A), (B), and (C), introductory paragraph of
 4 3, 3(3), (6), (7), (9), and (18), 4(A), (B) introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(1)(a)(v) and (b),
 5 (14), (16)(b), (17)(b), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(1), (2), (3), and (5), (E), (F), (G),
 6 (H), introductory paragraph of (I), (I)(1), (3), (4), (5), (9), and (11), (K), introductory
 7 paragraph of (L)(1), introductory paragraph of (M), (M)(3), (6)(b), (O)(1) and (2), (P), (Q),
 8 introductory paragraph of (R), and (T), introductory paragraph of 4.1(B), (C), (D), (E),
 9 (F)(1), (I), and (K), 4.2, 4.3, 5(A), (B), (C)(1), introductory paragraph of (2), (2)(d), (4), and
 10 (6), and (D)(1) and introductory paragraph of (2), 5.1(A)(1), (2), introductory paragraph of
 11 (3), (3)(e), (5), (6), (7), (8), and (9), (B)(1), (2), and introductory paragraph of (3), (5), (7),
 12 (9), (10), (12), and (13), 5.2(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (E), (F), (G), and (H),
 13 6, 6.1(A), (B), (C), (D)(1), and (F), 8(A)(1), (2), (3), and (4), and (B), introductory paragraph
 14 of 9(A), (B), (C), and (D), the introductory paragraph of 10(A), the introductory paragraph
 15 of (A)(1), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2)(a)(i),
 16 (b)(ii)(ii), introductory paragraph of (vi), (vi)(bb), (c), (d), and (f), and (3), (B), and (C)(7),
 17 10.1(B)(1), (3), (4), and (5), 11.1, 12(A), (B)(1), (2), (3), (4), introductory paragraph of (5),
 18 and (5)(f), and (C), 13, 14, 15, 18(A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)(a)(i) and (ii), (b), (c)(i)(ff), (ii),
 19 (iii), (d), and (e), and (B), 20(A) and (D), 21(A) and (B)(1)(a), (b), (c), introductory
 20 paragraph of (d) and (e), and (2)(a) and (b), introductory paragraph of 22(B) and (C), (D),
 21 and (E), introductory paragraph of 23(B), (C), and (D), 23.1(A), 25(A)(2), (3), (5), (6), and
 22 (7), (D), (E), and (F), 26(A), the introductory paragraph of 27(A), (D), and (F), 28(A), (C),
 23 introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(2), (3), (5), (6), and (7), (F), (G), (H), introductory
 24 paragraph of (I)(1), (1)(a), (d), and (g), and (J), 41, 42, 44, 45, 48, introductory paragraph
 25 of 61, 73(1), 74(A) and (B), 79(A), (B), and (C), 82(1), (6), (7), (11), and (14), 83(A)(5) and
 26 (7), 83.1(B)(3), 85(A)(3), and (C), 86(A)(2), (D)(8), (9), and (10), (E)(2) as enacted by
 27 Section 1 of Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana,
 28 (6), and (7), (G), and (H), 88(B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (I), and introductory paragraph of (J),
 29 88.1(A)(3) and (4), (C), (D), (E), (G), and (H), 88.2(C), introductory paragraph of (E),
 30 (E)(1), and (F), 89(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(2) and (3), and (D), 90(C),

(b) For natural gas and casing head gas, the fee shall be based on the natural gas price on July first of each year for the ensuing twelve months based upon the Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Price average monthly price in dollars per million BTU published by the United States Energy Information Administration for the preceding January first through December thirty-first available as of April first. For natural gas and casing head gas, the fee shall be as follows:

* * *

Section 3. R.S. 31:115(C)(1)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§115. Requirement of term; limitation of continuation without drilling or mining operations or production

* * *

C.(1) Any lease, granting the right to explore for and produce lignite or another form of coal, which is included within a mining plan and upon which no actual operations have begun, may provide for an extension beyond the initial ten year term for a period of thirty years by the payment of rent, an advance royalty payment or any other form of periodic payment to the lessor, provided the following requirements are satisfied:

* * *

(b) A mining plan for the ultimate production of lignite or other forms of coal, together with a permit issued by the commissioner of conservation secretary, is filed in the conveyance records of the parish or parishes in which the leased land is located.

* * *

Section 4. R.S. 36:351, 352, 353, 354(A)(7), (10), (13), and (15), (B)(1)(b), (2), ~~(A), (6), (8), (10), and (12)~~, 355, 356, 357, 358, the introductory paragraphs of R.S. 36:359(A) and (B), 359(B)(1) and (2), and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 36:351.1, 354(B)(13) and (14), 354.1, 356.1(B)(6) and (7) and (D), and 359(D), and 600 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8. DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND

1 leaseholder may recover for actual damages to his oyster beds or grounds caused by
2 oil and gas activities.

3 * * *

4 Section 11. R.S. 17:200 through 220, R.S. 30:4(N), 29(M)(1)(d), 85(D)(11), 86(F)
5 136.3(E), Part III of Chapter 2 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana,
6 comprised of R.S. 30:186 through 188, 1103(10), 1104(F), 2458, 2469, and 2470 through
7 2474, and R.S. 38:3073(2), 3074, 3075, 3080, 3097.4, 3097.7, and 3098.6(A)(1) are hereby
8 repealed.

9 Section 12. The Louisiana Law Institute is hereby directed to replace all references
10 to "Department of Energy and Natural Resources" in state law with "Department of
11 Conservation and Energy".

12 Section 13. The Louisiana Law Institute is hereby directed to renumber the
13 paragraphs in R.S. 38:3092 and 3097.2 and to redesignate R.S. 30:101.1 through 101.15 as
14 Part IX of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

15 Section 14. In the event the Act which ^[Acts 2025, No. 296] originated as House Bill No. 605 of the 2025
16 Regular Session becomes law, the Louisiana State Law Institute shall redesignate R.S.
17 30:21.1 as enacted by Section 1 of that Act as R.S. 30:4(Q)(1)(b), which shall supersede R.S.
18 30:4(Q)(1)(b) as enacted by Section 1 of this Act. ^[Acts 2025, No. 458]

19 Section 15.(A) The provisions of R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act shall not apply
20 to any lawsuit for damages that arises out of activity conducted prior to the effective date of
21 Section 2 of this Act ^[Acts 2025, No. 458, § 2 eff. 6/24/2025] and which is filed prior to September 1, 2027.

22 (B) The provisions of R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act shall apply to any lawsuit
23 for damages that arises out of activity conducted prior to the effective date of Section 2 of
24 this Act and which is filed on or after September 1, 2027.

25 (C) The provisions of R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act shall apply to any lawsuit
26 for damages that arises out of activity conducted after the effective date of Section 2 of this
27 Act.

28 Section 16.(A) Sections 2, 15, and 16 of this Act shall become effective upon
29 signature of the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for
30 bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section

[NOTE ALL AFFECTED PROVS; SEPARATE DOCUMENT FORTHCOMING]
[NOTE 2 CITED PROVISIONS]
[NOTE 2 CITED PROVISIONS]
[NOTE 2 RS 30:29]

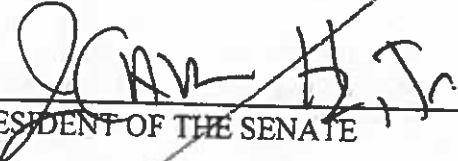
SB NO. 244

ENROLLED

1
2
3

18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.


(B) All remaining Sections of this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

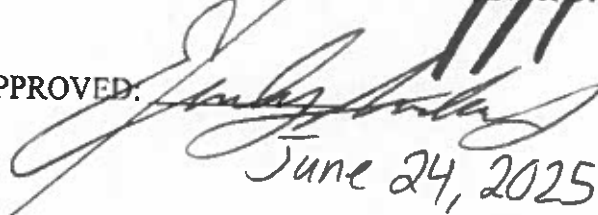


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:


June 24, 2025