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Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 1026

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

ENERGY/DRILLING: Extends the Royalty Relief Dry Hole Credit Program until 2015

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. $30:150(B)(9)$, (E), (G), and (I), relative to the Royalty Relief Dry
3	Hole Credit Program; to extend eligibility for credits until 2011 and to extend the
4	program until 2015; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 30:150(B)(9), (E), (G), and (I) are hereby amended and reenacted to
7	read as follows:
8	§150. Louisiana Royalty Relief Dry Hole Credit Program; requirements; conditions;
9	limitations; expiration
10	* * *
11	B. The requirements for the royalty relief dry hole credit are as follows:
12	* * *
13	(9) The royalty relief dry hole credit is applied for and obtained prior to June
14	30, 2009 <u>2011</u> .
15	* * *
16	E. No more than a maximum total of twenty wells shall be certified by the
17	department under the program as qualifying for royalty relief dry hole credit. On and
18	after June 30, $\frac{2009}{2011}$, no well shall be eligible or certified by the department as
19	qualifying for royalty relief dry hole credit.
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G. Regardless of when obtained, all royalty relief dry hole credits authorized by this Section shall expire on June 30, 2013 2015.

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I. The provisions of this Section shall expire and terminate on June 30, 2013

2015.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Extends the Royalty Relief Dry Hole Credit Program until June 30, 2015.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the establishment of a dry hole credit program for drilling on state lands. Requires drilling to have started prior to July 1, 2005, on state land to a depth of 19,999 feet and is not commercially productive. Provides for the credit to be in the form of deduction from future royalty payments due to the state. Limits the number of wells eligible for the credit to 20. Provides that no well drilled after June 30, 2009, shall be eligible. Provides that all credits expire on June 30, 2013, and provides that the statutes authorizing the program terminate on June 30, 2013.

<u>Proposed law</u> extends the application date and eligibility for credits until June 30, 2011. Extends the ability to receive credits and the statutory authorization for the program until June 30, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 30:150(B)(9), (E), (G), and (I))