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HOUSE BILL NO. 282

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLS AND SENATOR HEBERT

MINERALS/LEASES: Provides relative to distribution of bonuses and royalties from mineral leases

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:147.1, relative to sharing revenue of mineral leases from state-owned  
3 lands; to provide for allocation of a certain percentage of rentals and bonuses paid  
4 on mineral leases on state lands; to provide for use of funds; to provide for  
5 instructions to the Louisiana State Law Institute; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:147.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §147.1. Distribution of rentals and bonuses to parishes

9 A. The state treasurer of the state of Louisiana is hereby authorized and  
10 directed to remit to the governing authority of the parish in which severance or  
11 production occurs an amount equal to twenty-five percent of the rentals and bonuses  
12 paid to the state in each month from mineral leases on state-owned lands, lake and  
13 river beds, and other water bottoms belonging to the state or the title to which is in  
14 the public for mineral development . In the calendar year beginning January 1, 2009,  
15 and thereafter, the distribution to the parish shall be made by the state treasurer on  
16 the twentieth day after the last day of every third month.

17 B. The governing authority of any parish is authorized to use the funds  
18 received pursuant to this Section for any of the following purposes:

19 (1) Coastal or environmental restoration.

20 (2) Fish, wildlife, and marine life habitat enhancement.

1                   (3) Waterway construction and maintenance.

2                   (4) Marine and oceanographic education and research.

3           Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to  
4 amend the title of Subpart A-1 of Part II of Chapter 2 of Subtitle 1 of Title 30 of the  
5 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 to read as follows: "Subpart A-1. Allocation of  
6 Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses to Parishes".

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the state treasure to remit 25% of the rental and bonuses paid to the state for mineral leases on state lands to the parish in which the lease is located.

Proposed law authorizes the state treasure to remit 25% of the rental and bonuses paid to the state for mineral leases on state-owned lands, lake and river beds, and other water bottoms belonging to the state or the title to which is in the public for mineral development to the parish in which the lease is located.

Proposed law provides for such payments to the parish to begin Jan. 1, 2009, and paid on the 20th day after every third month thereafter.

Proposed law authorizes the parishes to use the funds on coastal or environmental restoration; fish, wildlife, and marine life habitat enhancement; waterway construction and maintenance; and marine and oceanographic education and research.

(Adds R.S. 30:147.1)