

1-1 By: Crossover (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.B. No. 3309
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2013;
 1-3 May 2, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
 1-4 Resources; May 15, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 15, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the composition and use of money in the oil and gas
 1-22 regulation and cleanup fund.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 81.067(c), Natural Resources Code, is
 1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 (c) The fund consists of:

1-27 (1) proceeds from bonds and other financial security
 1-28 required by this chapter and benefits under well-specific plugging
 1-29 insurance policies described by Section 91.104(c) that are paid to
 1-30 the state as contingent beneficiary of the policies, subject to the
 1-31 refund provisions of Section 91.1091, if applicable;

1-32 (2) private contributions, including contributions
 1-33 made under Section 89.084;

1-34 (3) expenses collected under Section 89.083;

1-35 (4) fees imposed under Section 85.2021;

1-36 (5) costs recovered under Section 91.457 or 91.459;

1-37 (6) proceeds collected under Sections 89.085 and
 1-38 91.115;

1-39 (7) interest earned on the funds deposited in the
 1-40 fund;

1-41 (8) oil and gas waste hauler permit application fees
 1-42 collected under Section 29.015, Water Code;

1-43 (9) costs recovered under Section 91.113(f);

1-44 (10) hazardous oil and gas waste generation fees
 1-45 collected under Section 91.605;

1-46 (11) oil-field cleanup regulatory fees on oil
 1-47 collected under Section 81.116;

1-48 (12) oil-field cleanup regulatory fees on gas
 1-49 collected under Section 81.117;

1-50 (13) fees for a reissued certificate collected under
 1-51 Section 91.707;

1-52 (14) fees collected under Section 91.1013;

1-53 (15) fees collected under Section 89.088;

1-54 (16) fees collected under Section 91.142;

1-55 (17) fees collected under Section 91.654;

1-56 (18) costs recovered under Sections 91.656 and 91.657;

1-57 (19) two-thirds of the fees collected under Section
 1-58 81.0521;

1-59 (20) fees collected under Sections 89.024 and 89.026;

1-60 (21) legislative appropriations; ~~and~~

1-61 (22) any surcharges collected under Section 81.070;

2-1 and

2-2 (23) fees collected under Section 91.0115.

2-3 SECTION 2. Section 81.068, Natural Resources Code, is
2-4 amended to read as follows:

2-5 Sec. 81.068. PURPOSE OF OIL AND GAS REGULATION AND CLEANUP
2-6 FUND. Money in the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund may be
2-7 used by the commission or its employees or agents for any purpose
2-8 related to the regulation of oil and gas development, including oil
2-9 and gas monitoring and inspections, oil and gas remediation, oil
2-10 and gas well plugging, public information and services related to
2-11 those activities, the study and evaluation of electronic access to
2-12 geologic data and surface casing depths necessary to protect usable
2-13 groundwater in this state, and administrative costs and state
2-14 benefits for personnel involved in those activities.

2-15 SECTION 3. Section 91.0115, Natural Resources Code, is
2-16 amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to
2-17 read as follows:

2-18 (c) The commission shall charge a fee not to exceed \$75, in
2-19 addition to the fee required by Subsection (b), for processing a
2-20 request to expedite a letter of determination. [~~Money collected~~
2-21 ~~under this subsection may be used to study and evaluate electronic~~
2-22 ~~access to geologic data and surface casing depths under Section~~
2-23 ~~91.020.~~]

2-24 (d) The fees collected under this section shall be deposited
2-25 in the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund.

2-26 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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