

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 451

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

ENVIRONMENT QUALITY DEPT. Provides that the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality shall recover the costs of an expedited permitting program. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2014.5, relative to environmental quality; to require the
3 secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality to recover all additional costs
4 associated with processing an expedited permit; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 30:2014.5 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §2014.5. Expedited permitting program

8 The secretary is authorized to develop and implement a program to expedite
9 the processing of permits, modifications, licenses, registrations, or variances for
10 environmental permit applicants who may request such services and the secretary
11 shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act which shall
12 include a notice that indicates such permit is an expedited permit. **The secretary**
13 **shall recover from the applicant all additional costs associated with processing**
14 **an expedited application. The costs recovered shall include every overtime hour**
15 **or portion thereof that a department employee or contractor works processing**
16 **the expedited application but shall not exceed the maximum per hour overtime**
17 **salary, including associated related benefits of a civil service employee of the**

1 **department.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Present law provides that the secretary of DEQ may develop and implement a program to expedite the processing of permits, modifications, licenses, registrations, or variances for environmental permit applicants.

Proposed law requires that the secretary shall recover all additional costs associated with processing an expedited application.

Proposed law provides that the costs recovered shall include every overtime hour, or portion of, that a department employee or contractor works processing the expedited application, not to exceed the maximum per hour overtime salary, including associated related benefits, of a civil service employee of the department.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 30:2014.5)