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## **Louisiana PG Licenses Grandfathering**

**Grandfathering deadline: January 1, 2014**

The [Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists \(LBOPG\)](#) is now accepting applications for Louisiana PG Licenses. Applicants can be grandfathered, thereby not required to take an exam as part of the application process, if requirements are met and the application submitted prior to January 1, 2014.

To apply for grandfathering, you must complete the following steps before January 1, 2014:

1. Submit the [Grandfathering Application Form](#) and \$200 check by mail to: LBOPG, P.O. Box 14209, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898
2. Email a digital copy of the form to [apply@lbopg.org](mailto:apply@lbopg.org)

A web-based application form will also be required when the LBOPG website construction is completed and the web-form is available.

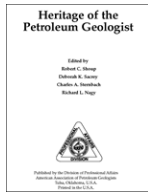
Minimum requirements to be considered for a Louisiana PG license are outlined in Subsection 711.15 of the Louisiana Professional Geoscience Practice Act as follows:

- a. To be eligible for a license under this Chapter, an applicant shall meet the following minimum qualifications:
  1. The applicant must be of good moral and ethical character as attested to by letters of reference submitted on behalf of the applicant or as otherwise determined by the board.
  2. The applicant shall have either:
    - a. Graduated from a course of study in a discipline of geoscience satisfactory to the board that consists of at least four years of study and includes at least thirty semester hours or forty-five quarter hours of credit in geoscience, of which at least twenty semester hours or

- thirty quarter hours of credit must be in upper-level college courses in that discipline.
- b. Satisfactorily completed other equivalent educational requirements as determined by the board.
3. The applicant shall have a documented record of at least five years of qualifying work experience, as provided by this Chapter that demonstrates that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of geoscientific work.
  4. Examination requirements:
    - a. The applicant must pass an examination required by the board covering the fundamentals and practice of the appropriate discipline of geoscience.
    - b. An applicant who applies for licensure under this Chapter prior to January 1, 2014, shall be exempt from taking the examination described in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph if the applicant satisfies all the other requirements of this Subsection.
- b. The board may accept qualifying work experience in lieu of the education required by Subsection A of this Section. Acts 2010, No. 974, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2012, No. 308, §1, eff. May 25, 2012. [Visit the LBOPG website for details](#) on the legislation, licensing requirements, forms, and application process.

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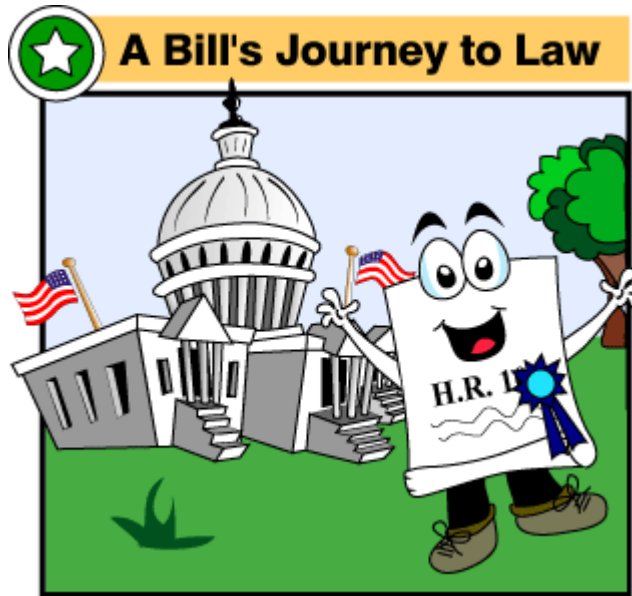
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## Energy Bill Voting in the House: Enthusiastic but Perhaps Doomed



The House is voting on several energy bills in November. These represent the first votes on energy issues since Republicans gained control of the House. Despite the Republicans' enthusiasm for energy policy reform, none of the proposed bills is expected to become law because the Senate is unlikely to consider the legislation, and the White House has promised to veto at least the first two bills.

The first House vote on energy legislation was November 20—for H.R. 1965, Federal Lands Jobs and Energy Security Act (Rep. Lamborn, R-CO, and 2 cosponsors). The bill passed 228-192. The Colorado Republican's bill would accelerate onshore drilling-permit decisions and require that a quarter of nominated acreage be made available for leasing.

Immediately following, on November 21, was H.R. 2728, Protecting States' Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act (Rep. Flores, R-TX, and 19 cosponsors). It passed 235-187. The bill would block the Interior Department from enforcing federal hydraulic fracturing regulations in states that already have similar regulations or guidance on the

books. In the Senate Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) introduced a companion bill, S. 1743, which may help the House bill clear the Senate. However, the White House has promised to veto the bill on the basis that the legislation would undermine efforts to establish a uniform national baseline level of environmental protection.

Energy and Power Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee approved H.R. 3301, the North American Energy Infrastructure Act on November 20, sending it ahead to the full committee. The bill would require executive branch approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico. This legislation would replace the presidential permit process that has been the focus of fights over whether to allow the Keystone XL pipeline to be constructed to bring oil sands production from Alberta to Oklahoma.

To confuse things just a bit, on November 20 the House passed H.R. 1900, Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act, sponsored by Rep. Mike Pompeo (R-KS). This bill would set deadlines for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) decisions on certificates of public convenience and necessity. FERC does not get involved in decisions about pipelines crossing international borders but does regulate pipelines like Keystone XL within the US.

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