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1ST SESSION

H. R. 945

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to a State all right, title, and interest in and to a percentage of the amount of royalties and other amounts required to be paid to the State under that Act with respect to public land and deposits in the State, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

Mrs. LUMMIS (for herself, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Mr. STEWART, and Mr. TIPTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “State Mineral Revenue
5 Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE TO STATES OF PROPERTY INTEREST**
2 **IN STATE SHARE OF ROYALTIES AND OTHER**
3 **PAYMENTS.**

4 Section 35 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
5 191) is amended—

6 (1) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by
7 striking “shall be paid into the Treasury” and in-
8 serting “shall, except as provided in subsection (d),
9 be paid into the Treasury”;

10 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “and ex-
11 cept as provided in subsection (d)” before “, any
12 rentals”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(d) CONVEYANCE TO STATES OF PROPERTY INTER-
15 EST IN STATE SHARE.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
17 provision of law, on request of a State and in lieu
18 of any payments to the State under subsection (a),
19 the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the
20 State all right, title, and interest in and to the per-
21 centage specified in that subsection for that State of
22 all amounts otherwise required to be paid into the
23 Treasury under that subsection from sales, bonuses,
24 royalties (including interest charges), and rentals for
25 all public land or deposits located in the State.

1 “(2) AMOUNT.—Notwithstanding any other
2 provision of law, after a conveyance to a State under
3 paragraph (1), any person shall pay directly to the
4 State any amount owed by the person for which the
5 right, title, and interest has been conveyed to the
6 State under this subsection.

7 “(3) NOTICE.—The Secretary of the Interior
8 shall promptly provide to each holder of a lease of
9 public land to which subsection (a) applies that are
10 located in a State to which right, title, and interest
11 is conveyed under this subsection notice that—

12 “(A) the Secretary of the Interior has con-
13 veyed to the State all right, title, and interest
14 in and to the amounts referred to in paragraph
15 (1); and

16 “(B) the leaseholder is required to pay the
17 amounts directly to the State.”.

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