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S. 451

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to eliminate an administrative fee, and
for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 6 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 5), 2025

Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. SHEEHY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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administrative fee, and for other purposes.

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 “Restoring State Min-
5 eral Revenues Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE UNDER**
7 **THE MINERAL LEASING ACT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 35 of the Mineral Leasing
9 Act (30 U.S.C. 191) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), in the first sentence, by
 2 striking “and, subject to the provisions of subsection
 3 (b),”;

4 (2) by striking subsection (b);

5 (3) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
 6 subsections (b) and (c), respectively;

7 (4) in paragraph (3)(B)(ii) of subsection (b) (as
 8 so redesignated), by striking “subsection (d)” and
 9 inserting “subsection (c)”; and

10 (5) in paragraph (3)(A)(ii) of subsection (c) (as
 11 so redesignated), by striking “subsection (c)(2)(B)”
 12 and inserting “subsection (b)(2)(B)”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

14 (1) Section 6(a) of the Mineral Leasing Act for
 15 Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 355(a)) is amended—

16 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “Sub-
 17 ject to the provisions of section 35(b) of the
 18 Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191(b)), all”
 19 and inserting “All”; and

20 (B) in the second sentence, by striking “of
 21 the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 450; 30
 22 U.S.C. 191),” and inserting “of the Mineral
 23 Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191)”.

24 (2) Section 20(a) of the Geothermal Steam Act
 25 of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1019(a)) is amended, in the sec-

1 ond sentence of the matter preceding paragraph (1),
2 by striking “the provisions of subsection (b) of sec-
3 tion 35 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
4 191(b)) and section 5(a)(2) of this Act” and insert-
5 ing “section 5(a)(2)”.

6 (3) Section 205(f) of the Federal Oil and Gas
7 Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C.
8 1735(f)) is amended—

9 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “this
10 Section” and inserting “this section”; and

11 (B) by striking the fourth, fifth, and sixth
12 sentences.

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