STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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FOR
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An Act relating to energy exploration; requiring the Secretary of Energy to create a working group to study oil and gas exploration on lands surrounding certain federal properties; stating purpose; providing for membership; authorizing report by certain date; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

The Secretary of Energy shall, within sixty (60) days following the enactment of this act, appoint a working group of any number of federal, state and local governmental officials and representatives of any private industry as the Secretary deems necessary and appropriate for the purpose of studying the feasibility of permitting oil and/or natural gas exploration on lands surrounding the McAlester Army Ammunition Depot located in Pittsburg County and Fort Reno in Canadian County.

The working group shall determine if any legislative or regulatory impediments are present which would obstruct leasing of these lands and make recommendations as necessary to the Governor, the Legislature and any governmental agency as needed.

The Secretary shall direct the working group to determine revenue potential to the federal, state and local governments that may result from potential leasing opportunities. The working group shall also study the opportunity for a percentage of any portion of revenues which may be due to the state to be used to support the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission.

In addition to any other members the Secretary deems necessary and appropriate to serve on the working group, the Secretary shall include Oklahoma's Secretary of the Military or a designee and a designee from the Commissioners of the Land Office.

If the Secretary of Energy deems it necessary and appropriate, the working group may report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and any other appropriate official, no later than December 15, 2012.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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