

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1338

By: Branan of the Senate

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4 Peters of the House
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7 An Act relating to energy exploration; requiring the
8 Secretary of Energy to create a working group to
9 study oil and gas exploration on lands surrounding
10 certain federal properties; stating purpose;
11 providing for membership; authorizing report by
12 certain date; providing for noncodification; and
13 declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 Passed the Senate the 14th day of March, 2012.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2012.

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10 of Representatives