

CHAPTER 325**(HB 705)**

AN ACT relating to oil and gas conservation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 353.580 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Each permit issued under KRS 353.500 to 353.720 shall expire one (1) year after the date issued, unless the drilling, deepening or reopening of a well is commenced pursuant thereto prior to the expiration of the one (1) year period. ***However the permit term shall be extended by one (1) year if, prior to the expiration date, the permit applicant notifies the department in writing of the applicant's request for an extension, submits an affidavit stating that the information in the original permit application is still correct, and submits a fee for the extension in an amount equal to the permit fee required by KRS 353.590. With respect to permits issued prior to the effective date of this Act, no extension shall be granted for any permit in cases where there has been a complete severance of the ownership of the oil and gas from the ownership of the surface to be disturbed, unless the requested extension is agreed to in writing by the surface owner.***
- (2) All permits issued by the department under any previous statute shall continue in force as written, only if the drilling of the well has been commenced pursuant thereto on or before sixty (60) days after June 16, 1960.

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