

**353.654 Drilling without consent of landowner prohibited.**

Nothing contained in KRS 353.510, 353.520, 353.565, 353.610, 353.651 to 353.654, 353.700, or 353.991 shall be construed as authorizing any operator, with or without an order of the commission, to drill upon, enter upon, or use in any manner the surface of any land without the consent of the owner thereof as evidenced by an oil or gas lease or otherwise. This section applies to deep well drilling units only.

**Effective:** July 13, 1990

**History:** Amended 1990 Ky. Acts ch. 11, sec. 3, effective July 13, 1990. -- Created 1974 Ky. Acts ch. 45, sec. 10.

**Legislative Research Commission Note.** The original House Bill 64, section 10 (Acts 1974, ch. 45, § 10) was amended by deletion of the words "as evidenced by an oil or gas lease or otherwise" from the end of the section; however, in the engrossed bill as signed by the Governor, the words were not stricken.