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Summary Senate Bill 147, PN. 94

Prime Sponsor: Senator Yaw

- Amends Act 60 of 1979, also known as the Oil and Gas Lease Act.
- Defines:
 - “Lessee” as a person that has obtained the right to explore, drill, stimulate, produce, market or sell oil, gas or natural gas liquids pursuant to an executed lease.
 - “Lessor” as an owner of oil and gas in place that controls the oil and gas rights and executes a lease granting the right to explore, drill, stimulate, produce, market or sell oil, gas or natural gas liquids.
 - “Joint venture” as an association or any other contractual relationship of two or more individuals or companies engaged in the production of an oil or natural gas well for profit with or without an actual partnership or incorporation.
- Proceeds from production of oil and gas are to be paid within 60 days after production unless otherwise stated in a contractual document.
 - Past due payments shall be paid at the legal rate of interest.
- Proceeds may be accumulated and remitted quarterly for three months’ accumulation totaling less than \$100.
- Requires the lessee to list a unique property identification on the lessor’s royalty stub.
- On an annual basis, the lessee is required to list the following information in the case of a joint venture:
 - Name of companies
 - Company addresses
 - Company telephone numbers
 - Proportionate share of oil or natural gas the company markets expressed as a decimal interest
- Only requires joint venture company information from a joint venture company who is separately paying its share of the royalty.

- Authorizes a lessor or a person acting on behalf of a lessor to inspect the record of a lessee after making a written request.
 - The information must pertain to the royalties paid within the three-year period immediately preceding the date of the request.
- Within 30 days of the request, the lessee must:
 - Designate a location in the Commonwealth that does not impose an unreasonable travel burden on the lessor.
 - Designate a date for inspection within 90 days of receipt of the request or as mutually agreed.
- The lessee must provide supporting documentation required under section 3.2 for services provided by third parties and the documentation shall consist of invoiced amounts for the services provided but will not include the composition of the fees charged by an unaffiliated third party.
- A request for inspection may not be made more frequently than once in a twelve month period.
- The information provided within the inspection of the records shall be confidential and not disclosed to any other person unless through a judicial proceeding.

Effective Date

- This bill will take effect in 60 days