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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1511

Page 1, line 1, replace "amend and reenact subdivision d of" with "create and enact a new subdivision to"

Page 1, line 4, replace "Subdivision d of" with "A new subdivision to"

Page 1, line 5, replace "amended and reenacted" with "created and enacted"

Page 1, replace lines 6 through 22 with:

"The placing of wells in abandoned-well status which have not produced oil or natural gas in paying quantities for one year. A well in abandoned-well status must be promptly returned to production in paying quantities, approved by the commission for temporarily abandoned status, or plugged and reclaimed within six months. If none of the three preceding conditions are met, the industrial commission may require the well to be placed immediately on a single-well bond in an amount equal to the cost of plugging the well and reclaiming the well site. In setting the bond amount, the commission shall use information from recent plugging and reclamation operations. After a well has been in abandoned-well status for one year, the well's equipment, all well-related equipment at the well site, and salable oil at the well site are subject to forfeiture by the commission. If the commission exercises this authority, section 38-08-04.9 applies. After a well has been in abandoned-well status for one year, the single-well bond referred to above, or any other bond covering the well if the single-well bond has not been obtained, is subject to forfeiture by the commission."

Renumber accordingly