

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1060

Page 1, line 7, after the second semicolon insert "to provide for a report to the budget section; to provide an effective date; to provide an expiration date;"

Page 2, after line 16, insert:

"SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 38-08-04.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

38-08-04.5. Abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund. There is hereby created an abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund.

1. Revenue to the fund must include:
 - a. Fees collected by the oil and gas division of the industrial commission for permits or other services.
 - b. Moneys received from the forfeiture of drilling and reclamation bonds.
 - c. Moneys received from any federal agency for the purpose of this section.
 - d. Moneys donated to the commission for the purposes of this section.
 - e. Moneys received from the state's oil and gas impact fund.
 - f. Moneys recovered under the provisions of section 38-08-04.8.
 - g. Moneys recovered from the sale of equipment and oil confiscated under section 38-08-04.9.
 - h. Moneys transferred from the cash bond fund under section 38-08-04.11.
 - i. Such other moneys as may be deposited in the fund for use in carrying out the purposes of plugging or replugging of wells or the restoration of well sites.
2. Moneys in the fund may be used for the following purposes:
 - a. Contracting for the plugging of abandoned wells.
 - b. Contracting for the reclamation of abandoned drilling and production sites, saltwater disposal pits, drilling fluid pits, and access roads.
 - c. To pay mineral owners their royalty share in confiscated oil.
3. All moneys collected under this section must be deposited in the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund. This fund must be maintained as a special fund and all moneys transferred into the

fund are appropriated and must be used and disbursed solely for the purpose of defraying the costs incurred in carrying out the plugging or replugging of wells, the reclamation of well sites, and all other related activities. ~~However, when the fees accumulated in the fund exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars, any additional fees collected by the oil and gas division of the industrial commission must be deposited in the general fund."~~

Page 5, after line 16, insert:

"SECTION 8. BUDGET SECTION REPORT. The industrial commission shall report to the budget section during the 2007-08 interim on revenues and expenditures of the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund; geophysical, geothermal, subsurface minerals, and coal exploration fund; and the geologic data preservation fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 3 of this Act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

SECTION 10. EXPIRATION DATE. Section 2 of this Act is effective through June 30, 2009, and after that date is ineffective."

Renumber accordingly