

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1286

Introduced by

Representatives Headland, D. Anderson, Bosch, Lefor, Nathe, Porter, Vigesaa

Senators Bekkedahl, Hogue, Kessel, Patten, Rummel

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-51.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the removal of triggered oil extraction tax rate changes for wells located outside the
3 exterior boundaries of a reservation; and to provide an effective date.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-51.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **57-51.1-02. Imposition of oil extraction tax.**

8 1. There is hereby imposed an excise tax, to be known as the "oil extraction tax", upon
9 the activity in this state of extracting oil from the earth, and every owner, including any
10 royalty owner, of any part of the oil extracted is deemed for the purposes of this
11 chapter to be engaged in the activity of extracting that oil. The rate of tax is five
12 percent of the gross value at the well of the oil extracted. ~~However~~

13 2. Subject to subsection 3, for a well located within the exterior boundaries of a
14 reservation, a well located on trust properties outside reservation boundaries as
15 defined in section 57-51.2-02, or a straddle well located on reservation trust land as
16 defined in section 57-51.2-07.10, if the average price of a barrel of crude oil exceeds
17 the trigger price of ninety dollars for each month in any consecutive three-month
18 period, then the rate of tax on oil extracted from all taxable wells is six percent of the
19 gross value at the well of the oil extracted until the average price of a barrel of crude
20 oil is less than the trigger price of ninety dollars for each month in any consecutive
21 three-month period, in which case the rate of tax reverts to five percent of the gross
22 value at the well of the oil extracted. By December thirty-first of each year, the tax
23 commissioner shall determine an indexed trigger price under this section by applying
24 to the current trigger price an adjustment equal to the percentage rate of change of the

1 producer price index for industrial commodities as calculated and published by the
2 United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, for the twelve months
3 ending June thirtieth of that year and the indexed trigger price so determined is the
4 trigger price for the following calendar year. For purposes of this ~~section~~ subsection,
5 "average price" of a barrel of crude oil means the monthly average of the daily closing
6 price for a barrel of west Texas intermediate cushing crude oil, as those prices appear
7 in the Wall Street Journal, midwest edition. When computing the monthly average
8 price, the most recent previous daily closing price must be considered the daily closing
9 price for the days on which the market is closed.

10 3. A tribe may make an irrevocable election to opt-out of the increased rate of tax
11 provided in subsection 2 by providing written notice to the tax commissioner. If a tribe
12 provides notice under this subsection, the rate of tax on oil extracted from taxable
13 wells is equal to the rate of tax provided in subsection 1, beginning in the month of
14 production after notice under this subsection is received by the tax commissioner.

15 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective for taxable events occurring after
16 June 30, 2023.