

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 377

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO OIL AND GAS WELLS; AMENDING SECTION 47-320, IDAHO CODE, TO RE-
2 QUIRE CERTAIN NOTICE AND PERMIT RELATING TO TREATING WELLS FOR OIL OR
3 GAS AND TO REVISE FEE PROVISIONS RELATING TO PERMITS FOR DRILLING AND
4 TREATING WELLS FOR OIL OR GAS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 47-320, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 47-320. PERMIT TO DRILL OR TREAT A WELL. It shall be unlawful to com-
10 mence operations for the drilling or treating of a well for oil or gas with-
11 out first giving notice to the commission of intention to drill or treat and
12 without first obtaining a permit from the commission under such rules and
13 regulations as may be reasonably prescribed by the commission and by paying
14 to the commission a filing and service fee of ~~one~~ up to two thousand five hun-
15 dred dollars (\$2,500) for such permit, which shall be remitted to the state
16 treasurer for deposit in the oil and gas conservation fund and shall be used
17 exclusively to pay the costs and expenses incurred in connection with the ad-
18 ministration and enforcement of this act. No permit may be issued by the com-
19 mission until the commission shall notify the director of the department of
20 water resources and said director shall have fifteen (15) days from the date
21 of receipt of such notification from the commission to recommend conditions
22 he believes necessary to protect fresh water supplies.

23 Upon issuance of any permit, a copy thereof, including any limitations,
24 conditions, controls, rules or regulations attached thereto for the protec-
25 tion of fresh water supplies as required in section 47-319, Idaho Code, shall
26 be forwarded to the director of the department of water resources.

27 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
28 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
29 passage and approval.