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CHAPTER 301

OIL AND NATURAL GAS

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION ACT

SENATE BILL NO. 233. BY SENATORS Anderson, Parker, and Wunsch; also REPRESENTATIVES Bryant, Bishop, Bledsce, Fuhr, Hayes, Herzberger, Koster, Lucero. O'Brian. Pettie, Showalter, and Wella.

AN ACT

AUTHORIZING THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO REQUIRE THE PLUGGING OF EXPLORATORY OR TEST BORES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

- Section 1. 100-6-15 (1) (d) and (e), Colorado Revised Statutes 1963, are amended to read:
- 100-6-15. Additional powers of commission. (1) (d) The drilling, casing, operation, and plugging of SEISMIC HOLES OR EXPLORATORY wells in such manner as to prevent the escape of oil or gas from one stratum into another, the intrusion of water into oil or gas stratum, the pollution of fresh water supplies by oil, gas, or salt water or brackish water, and measures to prevent blowouts, explosions, cave-ins, seepage, and fires;
- (e) The furnishing of reasonable security conditioned upon the performance of the duty to plug each SEISMIC HOLE OR EXPLORATORY WELL AND EACH dry or abandoned well;
- Section 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 24, 1973

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.