

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1305

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to oil and gas; requiring licensure of oil and gas operators and contractors; requiring annual application for a license; providing criteria for approval of applications; requiring certain fees; defining term; providing for a rig identification tag; establishing time period which license is valid; requiring certain waiting period after revocation of license; providing for deposit of funds in certain Fund; directing the Corporation Commission to promulgate rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 318.1c of Title 52, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning January 1, 1996, every oil and gas operator and contractor doing business in this state shall be required to obtain a license from the Corporation Commission. Every oil and gas operator and contractor shall file an application or a renewal

application for a license on an annual basis with the Commission in accordance with this section.

B. No application or renewal application shall be approved until the applicant has:

1. Provided sufficient information as required by the Commission for purposes of identification;

2. Paid an annual license fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), except that an applicant for a license, who is operating only one well used strictly for the purpose of heating a residential dwelling shall pay an annual license fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00); and

3. Paid an annual license fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each rig operated by the applicant. For purposes of this section, the term "rig" shall mean any crane machine used for drilling, cementing, workover or plugging of a well.

C. The Commission shall issue an identification tag for each licensed rig which shall be displayed on the rig at all times.

D. Upon approval of the application or renewal application, the Commission shall issue to the applicant a license which shall be in full force and effect for one (1) year from the date of issuance or until surrendered, suspended or revoked. A license shall not be issued to an applicant for renewal who has had a previous license revoked within one (1) year from the date of the application for renewal.

E. All moneys received by the Commission from the assessment of fees for licensure pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer on a monthly basis. The State Treasurer shall deposit the full amount of each remittance in the Conservation Fund.

F. The Commission shall promulgate rules implementing the provisions of this section, including establishing the grounds on which a license may be revoked.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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