

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1221

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to oil and gas; providing short title; amending 52 O.S. 1991, Section 86.1, which relates to definitions; modifying certain definition; providing for codification; 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 80 of Title 52, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Section 80 et seq. of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Oil and Gas Conservation Act".

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 52 O.S. 1991, Section 86.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 86.1 For the purposes of this act,

(a) The term "Commission" shall mean the Corporation Commission;

(b) The word "person" shall include any individual, copartnership, corporation, common law or statutory trust, limited liability corporation or association of whatever character;

(c) The term "common source of supply" shall comprise and include that area which is underlaid or which, from geological or other scientific data, or from drilling operations, or other evidence, appears to be underlaid, by a common accumulation of oil or gas or both; provided, that, if any such area is underlaid, or appears from geological or other scientific data, or from drilling

operations, or other evidence, to be underlaid by more than one common accumulation of oil or gas or both, separated from each other by a strata of earth and not connected with each other, then such area, as to each said common accumulation of oil or gas or both, shall be deemed a separate common source of supply;

(d) The term "owner" shall mean a person who has the right to drill into and to produce from any common source of supply and to appropriate the production, either for ~~himself or for himself~~ themselves and others;

(e) The word "oil" shall mean crude petroleum oil, and any other hydrocarbons, regardless of gravity, which are produced at the well in liquid form by ordinary production methods;

(f) The word "gas" shall mean all natural gas, including casinghead gas, and all other hydrocarbons not defined as oil in the subsection above;

(g) The term "producer" shall mean any person who, along or in association with another person or persons, shall have the right to drill into and produce from, or who has any interest in production from, any common source of supply in this state;

(h) The term "operator" shall mean any producer of oil or gas who has drilled a well or wells into a common source of supply and is engaged in operating such well or wells for the purpose of producing oil or gas therefrom;

(i) The term "taker" shall include any person, who, acting alone, or jointly with any person or persons, is directly or indirectly purchasing or transporting by any means whatsoever or otherwise removing oil or gas from any common source of supply in this state.

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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