

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2147

By: Matlock and Askins of the
House

and

Smith of the Senate

(workers' compensation - codification -
effective date)

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 2.8 of Title 85, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Workers' Compensation Act shall not apply to an owner of a working interest or royalty interest in an oil and gas well or owner of property on which an oil and gas well is located if such owner does not actually participate in the drilling or operation of the oil and gas well, other than ownership of the working interest, royalty interest or land on which the well is located. No such owner shall be required to obtain proof of compliance with the Workers' Compensation Act from any producer, operator, contractor or subcontractor on an oil and gas well.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2002.

Passed the House of Representatives the 4th day of March, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the Senate