

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1569

By: Morgan (Danny) of the House

and

Crutchfield of the Senate

An Act relating to oil and gas; prohibiting habitable structures within certain distances from wellbores and certain oilfield equipment; stating exemption upon certain agreement; 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 318.10 of Title 52, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. After the effective date of this act, it shall be unlawful to locate any habitable structure within:

1. A radius of one hundred twenty-five (125) feet from the wellbore of an active well; or

2. A radius of fifty (50) feet from the center of any surface equipment or other equipment necessary for the operation of an active well, including, but not limited to, hydrocarbon and brine storage vessels, tanks, compressors, heaters, separators, dehydrators, or any other related equipment.

B. Provided, however, the provisions of this section shall not prohibit an operator and surface owner from agreeing in writing to setback provisions with distances different from those set forth in this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2003.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of May, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 23rd day of May, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the Senate