

An Act relating to oil and gas; amending 52 O.S. 2001, Section 318.2, which relates to surface damages; providing short title; defining terms; modifying definitions; amending 52 O.S. 2001, Section 318.3, which relates to notice of intent to drill; modifying requirements relating to reasonable diligence in location of certain surface owners; requiring certain written notice to certain surface tenants of record; amending 52 O.S. 2001, Section 318.4, which relates to bond requirements; updating statutory language; amending 52 O.S. 2001, Section 318.5, as amended by Section 16, Chapter 22, O.S.L. 2002 (52 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 318.5), which relates to negotiations with surface owners; requiring negotiations with certain surface tenants of record; requiring surface owner and surface tenant of record to be included as parties to certain petition; authorizing surface tenant to intervene in certain action; requiring three appraisers who shall be landowners in certain county; deleting requirement for state certified general real estate appraisers in certain appraisals; stating requirements for appraisers to inspect all damages sustained by surface owners or surface tenants; including certain diminution in value of certain property; stating requirements for certain report by appraisers; including certain damages to be assessed by a jury; prohibiting damages to be tied to certain railroad condemnation actions; and declaring an emergency.