

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 HOUSE BILL 2426

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to pipelines; granting the  
8 Corporation Commission the power and duty to enforce  
9 maintenance and operation standards for certain  
10 pipelines; making standards apply to pipelines on  
11 public and private lands; specifying standards for  
12 inspections and a maintenance schedule; specifying  
standards for protecting buried pipelines from  
becoming uncovered or exposed; specifying standards  
for recovering buried pipelines that become uncovered  
or exposed; providing for codification; and providing  
an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 68 of Title 52, unless there is  
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Corporation Commission shall have the power and duty to  
20 establish, administer and enforce safety standards for the  
21 maintenance of all pipelines used for the transmission and  
22 distribution of natural gas, pipelines used for transporting crude  
23 oil, petroleum or petroleum products and pipelines used in the  
24 movement of hazardous liquid as defined in Section 47.2 of Title 52

1 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The standards shall apply to pipelines  
2 located on public and private lands.

3 B. The standards shall:

4 1. Require the operator of pipelines to make regular  
5 inspections of the pipelines and carry out a regular schedule of  
6 maintenance and upkeep, as established by the Commission;

7 2. Require the operator of a buried pipeline to take all  
8 practicable steps to protect each buried pipeline from washouts,  
9 floods, unstable soil, landslides or other hazards that may cause  
10 the pipeline to move, become uncovered or be exposed; and

11 3. Require the operator of a buried pipeline to take all  
12 practicable steps to recover a buried pipeline that has become  
13 uncovered or exposed in a reasonable amount of time, as established  
14 by the Commission, after the operator has been notified that the  
15 pipeline is uncovered or exposed.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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