

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 SENATE BILL 78

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to oil and gas; stating legislative  
8 intent; creating the "Horizontal Well Development  
9 Act"; providing for noncodification; and declaring an  
10 emergency.

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
13 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

14 The Legislature finds that advances in horizontal drilling  
15 techniques for wells drilled and completed in various formations in  
16 Oklahoma have advanced beyond the historical statutory spacing  
17 scheme found in Section 87.1, 87.6 through 87.9 and Sections 287.1  
18 through 287.15 of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The  
19 Corporation Commission, as the agency charged with the protection of  
20 the correlative rights of those owning oil and gas interests in this  
21 state, the prevention of waste and the promotion of development of  
22 these Oklahoma resources, is constrained in its ability to  
23 adequately accomplish these goals by the limitations placed upon it  
24 by existing statutes. In order to prevent waste, better protect the

1 correlative rights of the owners of oil and gas mineral interests  
2 and harmonize the historical regulatory scheme of our state with the  
3 expanding technology of drilling and completing horizontal wells in  
4 this state, the Legislature finds it necessary to modify the oil and  
5 gas regulatory scheme in Oklahoma as set forth in this act by  
6 creating the "Horizontal Well Development Act".

7 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the  
8 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is  
9 hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take  
10 effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.  
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