

1 gas wells, with intent to deprive the owner or lessee thereof of
2 said crude oil, gas, gasoline, or any product thereof, machinery,
3 drilling mud, pipes, fittings, pumps, and all other equipment or
4 ~~other~~ materials necessary for the drilling or production of oil or
5 gas wells shall:

6 1. Be guilty of a misdemeanor if the value of said product so
7 taken is less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), and upon
8 conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than
9 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the county
10 jail for a term not to exceed sixty (60) days, or by both such fine
11 and imprisonment; and

12 2. Be guilty of a Class C2 felony offense if the value of such
13 product so taken is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more and
14 upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by forfeiture of the
15 instrumentality of the crime and by a fine of not less than One
16 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars
17 (\$50,000.00), or by imprisonment in the ~~State Penitentiary~~ custody
18 of the Department of Corrections for a term in the range of one (1)
19 year to ten (10) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

20 B. Any person violating the provisions of this section who:

21 1. Takes such product and causes environmental damage to the
22 real property as a direct result of the taking of such product; and

23 2. The direct costs of remediation or restoration of the
24 environmentally damaged real property exceeds the amount of Two

1 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), shall, upon conviction,
2 be guilty of a felony.

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4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY
7 OVERSIGHT, dated 02/26/2026 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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