

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1319

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Corporation Commission; amending 17 O.S. 2021, Section 180.10, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 211, O.S.L. 2025 (17 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 180.10), which relates to the Corporation Commission Plugging Fund; authorizing certain expenditure; requiring creation of certain assistance application; stating certain assistance criteria; requiring certain proof; authorizing the Corporation Commission to promulgate rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2021, Section 180.10, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 211, O.S.L. 2025 (17 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 180.10), is amended to read as follows:

Section 180.10. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a fund for the Corporation Commission to be designated the "Corporation Commission Plugging Fund". The plugging fund shall consist of monies received by the Corporation Commission as required by law to be deposited to the credit of the fund. The fund shall be a continuing fund not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall not be subject to legislative appropriations. Expenditures from the

1 plugging fund shall be made pursuant to the laws of this state and
2 the statutes relating to the Corporation Commission. For each
3 fiscal year, the Commission may expend not more than eight percent
4 (8%) of the total amount deposited to the credit of the plugging
5 fund during the previous fiscal year for the purpose of responding
6 to occurrences of seeping natural gas as provided for in Section
7 317.1 of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes. In addition,
8 expenditures from the plugging fund may be made pursuant to Section
9 2 of this act and the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act, Section 85.1
10 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for purposes of
11 immediately responding to emergency situations, within the
12 Commission's jurisdiction, having potentially critical environmental
13 or public safety impact. Warrants for expenditures from the fund
14 shall be drawn by the State Treasurer, based on claims signed by an
15 authorized employee of the Corporation Commission and approved for
16 payment by the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
17 Services. The provisions of this act section; Sections 102, 310,
18 and 318 of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and Sections 1101,
19 1102, 1103, and 1103.1 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes or rules
20 promulgated pursuant thereto shall not be construed to relieve or in
21 any way diminish the surety bonding requirements required by Section
22 318.1 of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

23 B. Prior to July 1, 2031, the plugging fund shall be maintained
24 at Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). If the plugging fund falls

1 below the five-million-dollar maintenance level, the Corporation
2 Commission shall notify the Oklahoma Tax Commission that the
3 plugging fund has fallen below the required maintenance level and
4 that the excise tax which has been levied by subsection A of Section
5 1101 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes and subsection A of
6 Section 1102 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes which is credited
7 and apportioned to the Corporation Commission Plugging Fund pursuant
8 to Section 1103 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes is to be
9 imposed. Such additional excise tax shall be imposed and collected
10 until such time as is necessary to meet the additional five-million-
11 dollar maintenance level. The Tax Commission shall notify the
12 persons responsible for payment of the excise tax on oil and gas of
13 the imposition of such tax. The provisions of this subsection shall
14 terminate on July 1, 2031.

15 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 180.14 of Title 17, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. The Corporation Commission shall create a method by which a
19 homeowner, whose residence has become contaminated by a substance
20 within the Commission's jurisdiction, including, but not limited to,
21 brine or oil, may apply for remediation assistance.

22 B. 1. The remediation assistance shall include a monetary
23 denomination, the amount to be decided by the Corporation
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Commission, from the Corporation Commission Plugging Fund pursuant to Section 180.10 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

2. A homeowner's insurance claim shall not be required prior to any monetary assistance provided pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection.

3. In order to receive remediation assistance pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection, a homeowner must prove contamination occurred from an abandoned well as defined in Section 53.3 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. The Corporation Commission shall promulgate rules to effectuate the provisions of this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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