

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0221

Oil and gas drilling-notice.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer and Senator(s) Nethercott

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to oil and gas; providing for the notice of
2 drilling of wells as specified; and providing for an
3 effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 30-5-115 is amended to read:

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9 **30-5-115. Permit required to drill well; notices;**
10 **fee.**

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12 **(a)** A person desiring to drill a well in search of
13 oil or gas shall notify the commission of such intent on a
14 form prescribed by the commission, and shall pay a fee
15 established by the commission in accordance with W.S.

1 30-5-104(a) for a permit for each well. Upon receipt of
2 notification and the fee, the commission shall promptly
3 issue such person a permit to drill, unless the drilling of
4 the well is contrary to law, or to a rule, regulation, or
5 order of the commission. The drilling of a well is
6 prohibited until a permit to drill is obtained in
7 accordance with the provisions of this act.

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9 (b) Before issuing a permit under this section, the
10 commission may require a person desiring to drill a well to
11 provide notice to persons located within a reasonable
12 distance from the well. If notice is required pursuant to
13 this subsection:

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15 (i) The commission shall in rule establish the
16 reasonable distance from the well in which notice is
17 required which shall not be more than one-half (1/2) mile
18 from the well;

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20 (ii) The notice shall be sent by postcard,
21 include only a summary of the plan of work and proposed
22 dates of drilling and identify how further information
23 about the work may be obtained;

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(iii) The notice shall be sent by first class United States mail to all landowners located within the established distance from the well;

(iv) If the well is located within a municipality, the notice shall also be sent to the governing body of the municipality by certified mail.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2020.

(END)