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STATE OF COLORADO

BY REPRESENTATIVE Larson;
also SENATOR Perlmutter.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING DOCUMENTATION TO BE PROVIDED TO SURFACE LANDOWNERS AT THE TIME OF ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Committee to Study the Regulation of Oil & Gas Production in Colorado. Requires the oil and gas operator to provide to surface owners who receive advanced notice of commencement of oil and gas operations the following documentation:

- Copies of the oil and gas conservation commission's (the commission's) rules of practice and procedure related to notices of oil and gas operations and consultations with surface landowners;
- The name, address, and telephone number of the regional representative of the commission;
- The name, address, telephone number, and title of the local government's designee involved in the commencement of oil and gas operations;
- The address and toll-free telephone number of the main office for the commission;
- The operator or the operator's agent and the operator's or the operator's agent's address and telephone number;
- Information that the surface owner has the right to seek the opinion of an attorney; and
- Any other information that the commission determines may be of assistance to the surface landowner before the

commencement of oil and gas operations on the land.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 34-60-106 (14), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

34-60-106. Additional powers of the commission. (14) The commission shall provide a means for giving reasonable advance notice of the commencement of oil and gas operations to the appropriate local government and surface owners whose lands will be affected thereby. SUCH ADVANCE NOTICE TO THE SURFACE OWNERS SHALL INCLUDE COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING:

(a) RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE THAT CONCERN NOTICES OF OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS AND CONSULTATION WITH SURFACE OWNERS;

(b) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE COMMISSION;

(c) THE NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND TITLE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S DESIGNEE FOR THE OPERATION;

(d) THE ADDRESS AND TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE COMMISSION'S MAIN OFFICE;

(e) THE OPERATOR OR THE OPERATOR'S AGENT AND THE OPERATOR'S OR THE OPERATOR'S AGENT'S ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER;

(f) INFORMATION THAT THE SURFACE OWNER HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK THE OPINION OF AN ATTORNEY; AND

(g) ANY OTHER INFORMATION AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION THAT MAY ASSIST THE SURFACE OWNER REGARDING THE

COMMENCEMENT OF OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS.

SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability. (1) This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

(2) The provisions of this act shall apply to all notices provided before the commencement of oil and gas operations to local governments and surface landowners on or after the applicable effective date of this act.