

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 460

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

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2 RELATING TO OIL AND GAS WELLS; AMENDING SECTION 47-320, IDAHO CODE, TO RE-  
3 QUIRE CERTAIN NOTICE AND PERMIT RELATING TO TREATING WELLS FOR OIL OR  
4 GAS AND TO REVISE FEE PROVISIONS RELATING TO PERMITS FOR DRILLING AND  
5 TREATING WELLS FOR OIL OR GAS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 47-320, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 47-320. PERMIT TO DRILL OR TREAT A WELL. (1) It shall be unlawful to  
10 commence operations for the drilling or treating of a well for oil or gas  
11 without first giving notice to the commission of intention to drill or treat  
12 and without first obtaining a permit from the commission under such rules and  
13 regulations as may be reasonably prescribed by the commission and by paying  
14 to the commission a filing and service fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) for  
15 such permit, which shall be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit in  
16 the oil and gas conservation fund and shall be used exclusively to pay the  
17 costs and expenses incurred in connection with the administration and en-  
18 forcement of this act. No permit may be issued by the commission until the  
19 commission shall notify the director of the department of water resources  
20 and said director shall have fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of  
21 such notification from the commission to recommend conditions he believes  
22 necessary to protect fresh water supplies.

23 Upon issuance of any permit, a copy thereof, including any limitations,  
24 conditions, controls, rules or regulations attached thereto for the protec-  
25 tion of fresh water supplies as required in section 47-319, Idaho Code, shall  
26 be forwarded to the director of the department of water resources.

27 (2) The filing and service fee as provided in subsection (1) of this  
28 section shall be temporarily raised to a maximum of up to two thousand five  
29 hundred dollars (\$2,500) beginning on the effective date of this act. On and  
30 after July 1, 2017, the filing and service fee shall be reduced to one hundred  
31 dollars (\$100).

32 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
33 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its  
34 passage and approval.