



AN ACT GRANTING THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION RULEMAKING AUTHORITY TO REGULATE AS INJECTION WELLS INJECTIONS TO RESTORE OR ENHANCE THE MICROBIAL CONVERSION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTRATES TO METHANE GAS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1. Rulemaking -- microbial conversion wells.** The board may adopt rules necessary to regulate well injections to restore or enhance the microbial conversion of hydrocarbon substrates to methane gas as class II injection wells.

**Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 82, chapter 11, part 1, and the provisions of Title 82, chapter 11, part 1, apply to [section 1].

**Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 0479, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

HOUSE BILL NO. 479

INTRODUCED BY S. SMALL, ANKNEY, BERRY, OLSON, MCGILLVRAY, MILBURN, J. PETERSON,  
ESSMANN

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