

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0261

Application for permit to drill.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Eklund

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to oil and gas; amending provisions governing  
2 an application for a permit to drill; 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. 30-5-104(a)(iv)(C) and 30-5-115 are  
8 amended to read:

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10 **30-5-104. Oil and gas conservation commission; powers**  
11 **and duties; investigations; rules and regulations.**

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13 (a) The Wyoming oil and gas conservation commission,  
14 herein called "the commission," has jurisdiction and  
15 authority over all persons and property, public and private,  
16 necessary to effectuate the purposes and intent of this act,

1 including the authority to set, assess and collect reasonable  
2 fees as provided in this subsection. The fees authorized under  
3 this subsection shall be set in accordance with the following:

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5 (iv) Fees may be imposed only for:

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7 (C) Applications for permits to drill oil and  
8 gas wells, in accordance with W.S. 30-5-115(a);

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10 **30-5-115. Notice of intention and permit required to**  
11 **drill well; fee; expiration; renewals.**

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13 (a) A person desiring to drill a well in search of oil  
14 or gas shall notify the commission of such intent on a form  
15 prescribed by the commission, and shall pay a fee established  
16 by the commission in accordance with W.S. 30-5-104(a) of ten  
17 thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for a permit for each well,  
18 nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9,500.00) of which shall  
19 be refunded upon commencement of drilling. Upon receipt of  
20 notification and the fee, the commission shall promptly issue  
21 such person a permit to drill, unless the drilling of the  
22 well is contrary to law, or to a rule, regulation, or order  
23 of the commission. The drilling of a well is prohibited until

1 a permit to drill is obtained in accordance with the  
2 provisions of this act.

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4 (b) A permit to drill shall be valid for two (2) years,  
5 unless otherwise extended. A permit may be extended for an  
6 additional two (2) years beyond the initial two (2) year  
7 period upon a showing of good cause as determined by a hearing  
8 examiner. A permit may be extended subsequently for two (2)  
9 year periods upon the finding of good cause by the commission.

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11 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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