

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 661

Approved by the Governor March 3, 1978

Introduced by Clark, 47

AN ACT to amend sections 57-104 and 57-905, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to minerals, oil, and gas; to provide duties of prospectors for minerals; to provide powers of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 57-104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

57-104. It shall be the duty of the persons prospecting for coal, ~~iron~~ any mineral, ore, crude oil, and or gas, carefully to preserve specimens from each stratum through which the shafts are sunk, or borings are made; and if the bonus is obtained upon the conditions mentioned in sections 57-101 to 57-105, to deposit the same, properly labeled, in care of the proper department of the state for the future use of the commonwealth.

Sec. 2. That section 57-905, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

57-905. (1) The commission shall have jurisdiction and authority over all persons and property, public and private, necessary to enforce effectively the provisions of sections 57-901 to 57-921.

(2) The commission shall have authority, and it is its duty, to make such investigations as it deems proper to determine whether waste exists or is imminent or whether other facts exist which justify action by the commission.

(3) The commission shall have authority to require: (a) Identification of ownership of oil or gas wells, producing leases, tanks, plants, structures and facilities for the production of oil and gas; (b) the making and filing of directional surveys, and reports on well location, drilling, and production within six months after the completion or abandonment of the well; (c) the drilling, casing, operating and plugging of wells in such

manner as to prevent the escape of oil or gas out of one stratum into another, the intrusion of water into oil or gas strata, the pollution of fresh water supplies by oil, gas or salt water, and to prevent blowouts, cave-ins, seepages, and fires; (d) the furnishing of a reasonable bond with good and sufficient surety, conditioned for the performance of the duty to comply with all the provisions of the laws of the State of Nebraska and the rules, regulations and orders of the commission; (e) that the production from wells be separated into gaseous and liquid hydrocarbons, and that each be accurately measured; (f) the operation of wells with efficient gas-oil and water-oil ratios, and to fix these ratios; (g) metering or other measuring of oil, gas or product in pipe lines or gathering systems; and (h) that every person who produces or purchases oil or gas in this state shall keep and maintain or cause to be kept and maintained for a five-year period complete and accurate records of the quantities thereof, which records shall be available for examination by the commission or its agents at all reasonable times, and that every such person file with the commission such reports as it may reasonably prescribe with respect to such oil or gas or the products thereof.

(4) The commission shall have authority in order to prevent waste, to regulate: (a) The drilling, producing and plugging of wells, or test holes, and all other operations for the production of oil or gas; (b) the shooting and chemical treatment of wells; (c) the spacing of wells; (d) operations to increase ultimate recovery such as, but without limitation, the cycling of gas, the maintenance of pressure, and the introduction of gas, water or other substances into producing formations; and (e) disposal of oilfield wastes, including salt water.

(5) The commission shall not have authority to limit the production of oil or gas, or both, from any pool or field except to prevent waste therein.

(6) The commission shall have authority to classify wells as oil or gas wells for purposes material to the interpretation or enforcement of the provisions of sections 57-901 to 57-921.

(7) The commission shall have authority to promulgate and to enforce rules, regulations and orders to effectuate the purposes and the intent of sections 57-901 to 57-921.

(8) The commission, with the approval of the Governor, shall have authority to establish and maintain



its principal office and its books, papers, and records at such place in the state as it shall determine. The commission shall not have authority to purchase its principal office quarters.

(9) The commission shall have authority to require that all wells drilled for oil and gas shall be adequately logged with mechanical-electrical logging devices, and to require the filing of logs.

(10) The commission shall have the authority to regulate the drilling and plugging of seismic and stratigraphic tests in oil, and gas, and mineral exploration holes.

Sec. 3. That original sections 57-104 and 57-905, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, are repealed.

Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act shall be in full force and take effect, from and after its passage and approval, according to law.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 662

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1978

Introduced by Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee,  
DeCamp, 40, Chmn.; Merz, 1; Murphy, 17;  
Schmit, 23; Labeledz, 5; Mills, 44

AN ACT relating to hospital service corporations; to  
specify the number of directors as prescribed.  
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. The board of directors of a hospital  
service corporation shall consist of not less than nine  
nor more than thirty-seven members.