

SENATE FILE NO. SF0073

Wyoming oil and gas conservation commission-penalties.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hawks and Representative(s)
Lockhart

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to mines and minerals; amending penalties
2 that may be imposed by the Wyoming oil and gas conservation
3 commission; providing for waiver of penalties; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 30-5-119(a) and by creating a new
9 subsection (g) is amended to read:

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11 **30-5-119. Penalties for violation of act, orders of**
12 **commission; penalties cumulative.**

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14 (a) Any person who violates any provision of this act
15 or who after either actual or constructive notice thereof
16 from the commission or its representative violates any

1 rule, regulation, or order of the commission shall forfeit
2 to the Wyoming oil and gas conservation fund an amount of
3 not more than ~~five hundred dollars (\$500.00)~~ five thousand
4 dollars (\$5,000.00) for each act of violation, and for each
5 day that such violation continues, to be fixed and
6 determined by the commission after notice and opportunity
7 for hearing. Any person who knowingly and wilfully violates
8 any provision of this act or who after notice thereof from
9 the commission or its representatives knowingly and
10 willfully violates any rule, regulation, or order of the
11 commission shall be subject to a civil penalty to be
12 remitted and payable into the account of the Wyoming oil
13 and gas conservation commission fund upon order of the
14 district court of the county in which the defendant
15 resides, or in which any defendant resides if there be more
16 than one defendant, or in the district court of any county
17 in which the violation occurred, or in the district court
18 of Laramie county, Wyoming, which said civil penalty shall
19 not exceed the sum of ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ ten
20 thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for each act of violation and
21 for each day that such violation continues.

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23 (g) The commission may waive any penalty under this
24 section for good cause.

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2 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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