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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2170

Page 1, line 4, replace "subdivision b of subsection 5 of section 57-51.1-03" with "sections 38-08.1-01 and 38-08.1-04.1"

Page 1, line 5, replace "an oil extraction tax exemption for incremental production from a tertiary" with "definitions and exploration permit requirements to conduct geophysical exploration"

Page 1, line 6, remove "recovery project"

Page 1, after line 7, insert:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 38-08.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

38-08.1-01. Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

1. "Commission" means the industrial commission.
2. "Geophysical exploration" means any method of obtaining petroleum-related geophysical surveys.
3. "Operator of the land" means the surface owner or the surface owner's tenant of the land upon or within one-half mile [.80 kilometer] of the land on which geophysical operations are to be conducted.
4. "Permitting agent" means a person who secures a permit from an operator of the land to conduct geophysical exploration activities.
5. "Person" means and includes any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, association, partnership, receiver, trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, fiduciary, or other representative of any kind, and includes any department, agency, or instrumentality of the state or of any governmental subdivision thereof.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 38-08.1-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

38-08.1-04.1. Exploration permit.

1. Upon filing a complete application for permit to explore pursuant to section 38-08.1-04, the commission may issue to any person desiring to engage in geophysical exploration a "geophysical exploration permit". A person may not engage in geophysical exploration activities in this state without having first obtained a geophysical exploration permit from the commission.
2. The permit must show, at a minimum:
 - a. The name of the person.
 - b. The name and address of the resident agent for service of process.

- c. That an application to engage in geophysical exploration has been duly filed.
 - d. That a good and sufficient surety bond has been filed by the person, naming the surety company and giving its address.
3. The permit must be signed by the director of the commission's oil and gas division or the director's designee. The permit is valid for one year.
 4. Within seven days of initial contact between the permitting agent and the operator of the land, the permitting agent shall provide the operator of the land and each landowner owning land within one-half mile [.80 kilometer] of the land on which geophysical exploration activities are to be conducted a written copy of section 38-08.1-04.1 and chapter 38-11.1.
 5. The ~~permitholder~~ permitting agent shall notify the operator of the land at least ~~three~~ seven days ~~prior to~~ before the commencement of any geophysical exploration activity, unless waived by mutual agreement of both parties. The notice must include the approximate time schedule and the location of the planned activity.
 - ~~5-~~ 6. The permit or a photostatic copy thereof must be carried at all times by a member of the crew during the period of geophysical exploration and must be exhibited upon demand of the landowner or tenant operator or county or state official.
 - ~~6-~~ 7. The permitholder shall notify the county auditor or the auditor's designee at least twenty-four hours, excluding Saturdays and holidays, before the permitholder commences geophysical exploration in the county. Notice must include the approximate time schedule and location of the planned activity."

Page 1, remove lines 16 through 23

Page 2, remove lines 1 and 2

Renumber accordingly