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Short Title: Nat'l Gas Exploration/Bonds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Stone and Gillespie (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE BOND REQUIRED UPON  
3 REGISTRATION IN ORDER TO DRILL FOR OIL OR NATURAL GAS IN THE  
4 STATE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-378 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 113-378. Persons drilling for oil or gas to register and furnish bond.**

8 Any person, firm or corporation before making any drilling exploration in this State for oil  
9 or natural gas shall register with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources or such  
10 other State agency as may hereafter be established to control the conservation of oil or gas in  
11 this State. To provide for such registration, the drilling operator must furnish the name and  
12 address of such person, firm or corporation, and the location of the proposed drilling  
13 operations, and file with the aforesaid Department a bond in the amount of ~~five-ten~~ thousand  
14 dollars ~~(\$5,000)~~(\$10,000) running to the State of North Carolina, conditioned that any well  
15 opened by the drilling operator upon abandonment shall be plugged in accordance with the  
16 rules of ~~said~~the Department."

17 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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