

HOUSE BILL No. 2282

By Committee on Utilities

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AN ACT concerning oil and gas; relating to liability of certain contractors and operators for damages resulting from regulated activities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

(1) Terms have the meanings provided by K.S.A. 55-150, and amendments thereto.

(2) "Regulated activities" means: (A) With respect to an operator, activities in the operation and control of a well, gas gathering system or underground porosity storage of natural gas; and (B) with respect to a contractor, activities engaged in as a drilling, plugging, service rig or seismograph contractor in oil and gas, cathodic protection, gas gathering or underground natural gas storage operations.

(b) A contractor or operator shall not be liable for punitive or other damages as the result of any action while engaged in regulated activities if such action is performed in accordance with all applicable federal and state statutes and rules and regulations in effect at the time of the action.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.