

HOUSE BILL No. 2448

AN ACT concerning certain underground storage of hydrocarbons; amending K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 55-1,115 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 55-1,115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 55-1,115. (a) On or before July 1, 2002, the state corporation commission shall adopt rules and regulations governing underground porosity storage of natural gas. Such rules and regulations shall include the permitting, monitoring and inspecting of underground porosity storage of natural gas and the closure and abandonment of such underground porosity storage of natural gas. Such rules and regulations may establish fees for permitting, monitoring, inspecting and closing or abandoning underground porosity storage of natural gas.

(b) No hydrocarbon storage shall be allowed in any underground formation if water within the formation contains less than 5,000 milligrams per liter chlorides, *except that the provisions of this subsection shall not prohibit the storage of hydrocarbons in an underground porosity storage facility if such storage facility was in use before July 1, 2001.*

(c) The provisions of K.S.A. 55-162 and 55-164, and amendments thereto, shall apply to violations of the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section.

(d) As used in this section and K.S.A. 55-150, 55-155, 55-182 and 74-623, and amendments thereto, "underground porosity storage" means the storage of hydrocarbons in underground, porous and permeable geological strata which have been converted to hydrocarbon storage.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 55-1,115 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*

Passed the SENATE \_\_\_\_\_

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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*Governor.*