

## HOUSE BILL NO. 83

INTRODUCED BY J. PETERSON

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING WELL LOG REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRING WELL LOG REPORTS TO BE FILED WITH THE MONTANA STATE BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOLOGY; REQUIRING THE WELL LOG REPORT FORM OR FORMAT TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF WATER WELL CONTRACTORS AND THE MONTANA STATE BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOLOGY; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF WELL LOG REPORTS IN AN ELECTRONIC FORMAT; AMENDING SECTION 85-2-516, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 85-2-516, MCA, is amended to read:

**"85-2-516. Well logs.** (1) Within 60 days after any well is completed, the driller shall file with the ~~department~~ bureau a well log report.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), the well log report must be filed on a form provided specified by the department through its offices in consultation with the board of water well contractors provided for in 2-15-3307 and the bureau.

(3) The bureau may allow submission of the well log report in an electronic format that is in accordance with the form specified as provided in subsection (2).

(4) The ~~department~~ bureau may return the report for refiling if it is incomplete or incorrect. The ~~department~~ shall provide a copy of the complete and correct well log to the Montana bureau of mines and geology."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2003.

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