

HOUSE BILL NO. 479

INTRODUCED BY S. SMALL, ANKNEY, BERRY, OLSON, MCGILLVRAY, MILBURN, J. PETERSON,  
ESSMANN

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "~~AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT THE MICROBIAL CONVERSION OF~~  
~~HYDROCARBON SUBSTRATES TO METHANE GAS IS NOT IN SITU MINING;~~ GRANTING THE BOARD OF  
OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; ~~AMENDING SECTION 82-4-203, MCA TO~~  
REGULATE AS INJECTION WELLS INJECTIONS TO RESTORE OR ENHANCE THE MICROBIAL  
CONVERSION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTRATES TO METHANE GAS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE  
EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

(Refer to Introduced Bill)

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Rulemaking -- microbial conversion wells.** The board may adopt rules  
necessary to regulate well injections to restore or enhance the microbial conversion of hydrocarbon substrates  
to methane gas as class II injection wells.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
integral part of Title 82, chapter 11, part 1, and the provisions of Title 82, chapter 11, part 1, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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