



Governmental Affairs Bill Tracking & Reporting (2020 Session)

State/ Session end	Bill No.	Sponsor (D/R)	Description	Status
Alaska 5/26/20	Access all bills: http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Home/BillsandLaws			
X	SB 129	D	Oil and gas production taxes/credits	Died in committee
Arizona 4/25/20	Access all bills: https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview?SessionID=122			
X	HB 2574	D	Hydraulic fracturing ban	Died in committee
X	SB 1226	R	Notarial acts amendments/updates	Passed House Died in Senate
X	HCR 2022	R	Condemns federal legislative efforts to restrict land use and obstruct energy production	Died in committee
California 11/30/20	Access all bills: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml			
	AB 345	D	Well setbacks (increase to 2,500 ft)	In committee
	AB 1441	D	State supervision of oil and gas operations	In committee
	AB 1850	D	Employee classification. Exemption from AB 5 (2019 session) primarily for those in entertainment/arts	In committee
	AB 1925	R	Independent contractors (test used for status)	In committee
	AB 1928	R	Independent contractors to overturn AB 5 (2019 session)	In committee
	SB 2075	R	Independent contractors to overturn AB 5 (2019 session)	In committee
	AB 2306	R	Repeals corporate minimum franchise tax	In committee
	AB 2424	D	Allows for electronic notarial acts	In committee
	AB 2929	D	Eliminates franchise tax for first taxable year for single owner corporation or single member LLC	In committee
	AB 3230	D	State regulator to review/study abandoned well hazards	In committee
	AB 3281	R	Exempts from worker status law independent contractors in business-to-business contracting relationships	In committee
	SB 806	R	Repeals AB 5 (2019 session) and provides for independent contractor status recognition under broader context	In committee
	SB 1012	D	Reporting requirements regarding idle and abandoned wells	In committee
	SB 1039	D	Rectifies deficiencies in AB 5 (2019 session) to provide a framework to allow for independent contractor work	In committee
	SB 3214	D	Requires additional well records be kept	In committee
Colorado 5/7/20	Access all bills: https://leg.colorado.gov/bills			
X	HB20-1070	R	Local govt. liability for fracking bans	Died at intro
X	HB20-1126	R	Local authority to approve permitting	Died at intro

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	HB20-1326	D/R	Recognize out of state occupational licensing credentials	Passed House/ In Senate
Florida 3/13/20	Access all bills: https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/bills.aspx			
X	HB 3	R	Prohibits localities from imposing their own occupational licensing requirements	Died in committee
Illinois 1/12/21	Access all bills: http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/default.asp			
	SB 3698	D	Notarial acts; updates regarding electronic documents	In committee
Indiana 3/13/20	Access all bills: http://iga.in.gov/			
X	HB 1008	R	Recognition of out-of-state occupational licenses	Pass/in Senate
X	SB 309	D	Employee misclassification state reporting	In committee
Kansas 5/11/20	Access all bills: http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/bills/			
X	HB 2536	R	Abandoned wells responsibility; complaints/investigations	Died in committee
X	HB 2705	R	Removes services performed by a petroleum landmen on a contractual basis from classification of "employee"	Died in committee
X	HB 2713	R	Updates current notary law; includes electronic documents	Passed House Died in Senate
Kentucky 4/15/20	Access all bills: https://legislature.ky.gov/Legislation/Pages/default.aspx			
X	SB 283	D	Updates notary law to allow for electronic actions	Died in committee
Louisiana 5/29/20	Access all bills: http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/BillSearch.aspx?sid=LAST			
	HB 122	R	Provides for the execution and procedures for electronic notarial acts	Passed both 5/28/20
	HB 123	R	Amends trust law to change mineral interest royalty payment allocations regarding principal and interest	Passed both 5/27/20
	HB 227	R	Clarifies notice provisions regarding nonpayment of production payments	Passed both 5/26/20
	HB 274	R	Provides for the execution of electronic notarial acts	Passed both 5/29/20
	HB 360	R	Provides for valuation methodology for oil and gas well ad valorem tax	Passed both 5/29/20
X	HB 397	D	Increases penalties for employee misclassification	Died in committee
	HB 506	R	Reduces severance tax for incapable wells	Passed/ in Senate

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	HB 594	R	Provides for partitions by private sale and absentee co-owners	Passed both 5/31/20; in conference committee
X	HCR 34	R	Suspend severance taxes due to coronavirus price drops	Died in committee
X	HCR 43	R	Suspend corporate franchise taxes due to coronavirus	Died in committee
X	SB 176	R	Allows for state and private landowners to enter into water bottom boundary agreements	Died in committee
X	SB 177	R	Constitutional amendment resolution regarding riparian agreements	Died in committee
	SB 386	R	Create commission for support of energy industry	Passed both 5/29/20
X	SB 472	D	Provides for electronic notarial acts	Passed Senate Died in House
	SB 498	R	Provides for tax filing and payment extension due to coronavirus	Passed both 5/27/20
Maryland 4/6/20 Access all bills: https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/proc.html				
X	HB 1448	D	Defining employee/independent contractors; state guidelines on classification	Died in committee
Michigan 12/31/20 Access all bills: https://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(zhoidqqnluamrz5ldgpimdj))/mileg.aspx?page=Bills				
	SB 702	D	Methane emissions	No movement since 1/8/20 introduction
	HB 5611	R	Amends time to file a record for marketable title act	In committee
	HB 5777	R	Amends certain time periods for state land transactions and amends text related to leasing and other land transactions	In committee
Mississippi 5/18/20 (extended to 7/12/20 due to COVID-19) Access all bills: http://www.legislature.ms.gov/				
X	HB 253	D	Severed mineral estates reversion to surface owner after 10 years	Died in committee 3/3/20
X	HB 329	R	Ad valorem taxes on nonproducing mineral interests on severed estates	Died in committee 3/3/20
X	HB 332	R	Severed mineral estates reversion to surface owner after 10 years	Died in committee 3/3/20
X	HB 586	R	Severed mineral estates reversion to surface owner after 20 years	Died in committee 3/3/20

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X	HB 836	R	Severed mineral estates reversion to surface owner after 10 years	Died in committee 3/3/20
	HB 977/ SB 2761	R	Changes due date for severance tax payments	In committee
	HB 1156	R	Revises existing notarial law; provides for electronic acts	Passed/in Senate
	HB 1175	R	Reduces recordation fees for O&G assignment instruments	Passed/in Senate
X	HB 1488	R	Reduces recordation fees for O&G assignments	Died In committee in favor of HB 1175.
	SB 2394	R	Updates current notary law provisions (electronic signatures; affidavits)	Passed/in House
	SB 2761	R	Changes the month in which severance taxes are due	Passed/in House
Missouri 5/30/20	Access all bills: https://www.house.mo.gov/billcentral.aspx			
X	HB 1874	R	Updates notaries public governing law; includes updates for electronic acts	Died in committee
X	HB 1920	R	Employee misclassification	Died in committee
X	SB 578	R	Notarial acts; provides provisions related to electronic acts	Died in committee
Nebraska 5/30/20	Access all bills: https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/			
X	LB 966	N/A	Uniform Wills Recognition Act adoption	Died in committee
X	LR 300CA	N/A	All taxes replaced with consumption tax by 2022	Died in committee
X	LB 929	N/A	Provides for an exemption from real estate licensure to make contacts and provide limited information on behalf of broker/salesperson	Died in committee
New Jersey 1/12/21	Access all bills: https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/			
	A 1439	R	Employee misclassification (test used to determine status)	In committee
	A 1526	D	Independent contractors	In committee
	A 3223	R	Dormant minerals; reverts to surface owner after 20 years	In committee
	A 3303	D	Payment of independent contractors; recordkeeping; penalties; prohibition on retaliatory actions	In committee
	A 3903	D	Allows remote notarial acts during an emergency	Passed both 4/14/20
	A 5843	D	Employee misclassification	In committee
	S 863	D	Employee misclassification (employee status by default)	In committee

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New Mexico 2/20/20	Access all bills: https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/BillFinder/Number			
X	HB 28	R	Division of land - divided for oil and gas operations	Dead/session end 2/20/20
X	HB 293	D	Appropriations funding for emissions/GHG evaluations	Dead/session end 2/20/20
X	HB 318	R	Severance tax reduction for enhanced recovery projects	Dead/session end 2/20/20
X	HM 29	D	Bond requirements (this is a memorial, not a bill)	Dead/session end 2/20/20
X	SB 104	D	Hydraulic fracturing moratorium	Dead/session end 2/20/20
New York 1/6/21	Access all bills: https://nyassembly.gov/leg/			
	AB 101	D	Prohibits hydraulic fracturing waste disposal	In committee
	AB 9678	D	Prohibits hydraulic fracturing in the state	In committee
	SB 6909	D	Hydraulic fracturing ban	In committee
North Carolina 7/3/20	Access all bills: https://www.ncleg.gov/Legislation			
	SB 729	D/R	Partition actions. Tenant could partition the oil, gas or mineral interests, distinct from the surface without joining the owner of the surface. A tenant in common or joint tenant of the surface of the property would be able to petition surface distinct from the mineral interest without joining the owner of the surface.	In committee
Ohio 12/31/20	Access all bills: https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/			
	SB 246	R	Requires recognition of out of state licenses for occupational licensing	In committee
Oklahoma 5/29/20	Access all bills: http://www.oklegislature.gov/			
✓	HB 3619	R	Prohibits municipalities from banning natural gas connections to buildings/residences	Enacted 5/19/20 Eff. 11/1/20
X	SB 1232	R	Production proceeds; lengthens payment time	Died in committee
X	SB 1241	R	Oil and gas constitutional taking of property rights	Died in committee
X	SB 1404	R	Changes attorney bar dues from mandatory to voluntary	Passed Senate Judiciary/Died in session
X	HB 3609/ SB 1435	R	Requires oil and gas operators to take preventative actions to mitigate potential damages during certain operations	Died in committee
X	SB 1439	R	Well plugging; bond requirements	Passed Senate/Died in House

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X	SB 1577	R	Well pollution	Died in committee
X	SB 1615	R	Injection wells task force	Passed Senate/Died in House
✓	SB 1875	R	Produced water waste from wells provisions	Enacted 5/19/20 Eff. 11/1/20
X	SB 1736	R	Requires new oil and gas operations to meet certain setback requirements as determined by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission beginning January 1, 2022.	Died in session
X	SB 1894	R	Eliminates the cap on the size of horizontal wells. Current law allows up to four governmental sections.	Died in committee
Pennsylvania 11/30/20				
Access all bills: https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/bills/index.cfm				
	HB 906/ SB 257	D	Landman registration; reintroduction of similar bills that failed in the prior session. Current bills: stalled as of 2019.	HB 906: intro 3/20/19 SB 257: intro 2/7/19
	HB 716	D	Creates joint task force on employee misclassification	In committee
	HB 1875	D/R	Standardized forms; would require "oil and gas contracts" to conform to unspecified "plain language" and "readability" standards; could conflict with industry-accepted formats.	No movement since 9/25/19 introduction.
	SB 790	R	Applies to conventional wells only; requires a permit to be obtained to drill or alter a well and to operate an abandoned or orphaned well; addresses other regulatory enforcements and remedies	Passed both 5/27/20
	SB 1097	R	Allows for remote electronic notarial acts	In committee
South Dakota 3/30/20				
Access all bills: http://sdlegislature.gov/Legislative_Session/Bills/Default.aspx?Session=2020				
✓	HB 1025	R Cmte	Well plugging	Enacted 3/9/20 Eff 7/1/20
✓	HB 1114	R	Allows for additional abbreviations in naming corporations, limited liability companies, and limited liability partnerships	Signed into law 3/4/20
✓	SB 17	R Cmte	Well plugging	Enacted 3/27/20 Eff 7/1/20
Tennessee 4/22/20				
Access all bills: http://www.capitol.tn.gov/				
X	SB 2376/ HB 2370	R	Allows a licensed attorney to certify an electronic document for registration by a county register	Died in session
X	SB 2669/ HB 2676	R	Eliminates the professional privilege tax for resident attorneys and charges nonresident attorneys \$400	Died in session

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Utah 3/12/20	Access all bills: https://le.utah.gov/DynaBill/BillList?session=2020GS			
✓	HB 335	R	Penalties for illegal/unauthorized activities on state institutional trust lands, including mineral resources	Enacted 3/24/20 Eff 90 days from 3/12/20
✓	SB 15	R	Repeals the sunset date for provisions that allow a local district to secure certain bonds with mineral lease payments.	Enacted 3/30/20 Eff 90 days from 3/12/20
✓	SB 148	R	Amends current law regarding the regulation of oil and gas activities, including oversight, bonding requirements and administrative penalties	Enacted 3/30/20 Eff 90 days from 3/12/20
Virginia 3/8/20	Access all bills: https://virginiageneralassembly.gov/			
✓	SB 106	D	Hydraulic fracturing in groundwater management area	Enacted 4/2/20 Eff 7/1/20
✓	SB 553	R	Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act adoption	Enacted 3/6/20 Eff 7/1/20
✓	SB 662	D	Employee misclassification; retaliatory actions against employee/independent contractors prohibited. Eff. 7/1/20	Enacted 3/11/20 Eff 7/1/20
X	SB 694	R	Notaries public	Died in session
✓	SB 744	D	Employee misclassification; how employee is defined	Enacted 4/6/20 Eff 1/1/21
✓	HB 984/ SB 894	D	Employee misclassification; private legal action allowed (identical bills)	Enacted HB 984 Eff 7/1/20 Enacted SB 894 Eff 7/1/20
X	HB 1016	D	Offshore leasing	Died in session
✓	HB 1199	D	Employee misclassification retaliatory action	Enacted 3/10/20 Eff 7/1/20
✓	HB 1407	D	Worker classification; creates presumption of employee status unless individual or employer demonstrates that such is an IC. Allows for civil penalties. Eff. 1/1/2021	Enacted 4/6/20 Eff 1/1/21
✓	HB 1605	D	Partition of heirs' property; determinations of fair market value; court allotments; auction processes	Enacted 3/3/30 Eff 7/1/20
West Virginia 3/7/20	Access all bills: https://www.wvlegislature.gov/Bill_Status/Bills_all_bills.cfm?year=2020&sessiontype=rs&btype=bill			
X	HB 2055	D	Forced pooling; requires all owner consent	Died in committee
X	HB 2073	R	Well setbacks (1,500 ft from residence); monitoring required	Died in committee

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X	HB 2102	D	Well setbacks (1,500 ft from occupied dwelling); monitoring	Died in committee
X	HB 2373	R	Abandoned mineral interests	Died in committee
X	HB 2489	R	Severance tax; removal for low producing wells	Died in committee
X	HB 2568	D	Severance tax increase from 5% to 10%	Died in committee
X	HB 2641	D	Well production monitoring	Died in committee
X	HB 2659	D	Production tax increase	Died in committee
X	HB 2802	R	Partition of heirs' property	Died in committee
X	HB 4081	R	Partition of heirs' property	Died in committee
✓	HB 4088	R	Unlocatable/unknown owners. <i>See companion SB 79.</i>	Enacted 3/25/20 Eff 90 days from 3/3/20
✓	HB 4090	R	Severance tax reduction on marginal wells (not horizontal)	Enacted 3/23/20 Eff 90 days after 3/3/20
✓	HB 4091	R	Expedited permitting. <i>See companion SB 84.</i>	Signed into law 2/17/20 Effective 90 days from 2/5/20
X	HB 4145	R	Prohibits the regulation and licensing of occupations by local government	Died in committee
X	HB 4190	D	Real property excise tax regarding mineral interests	Died in committee
X	HB 4460	R	Operating expenses valuation for well taxation (<i>see also SB 655 below</i>)	Died in committee
✓	HB 4576	R	Procedure for correcting errors in deeds, deeds of trust and mortgages	Enacted 3/25/20 Eff 90 days from 3/7/20
X	HB 4610	D	Royalties tax withholding for nonresidents	Died in committee
✓	HB 4615	R	Criminal offense to trespass upon critical infrastructure property	Enacted 3/25/20 Eff 90 days from 3/7/20
✓	HB 4748	R	Increase of fees for notaries public	Enacted 3/25/20 Eff 90 days from 3/7/20

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X	HB 4956	R	Partition of real property; amends various procedures	Passed House Died in Senate
Held over in favor of passed HB 4088	SB 79	R	Unlocatable/unknown owners. <i>See companion HB 4088.</i>	Held over in favor of passed HB 4088
X	SB 81	R	Leasing; releases; notice	Died in committee
X	SB 82	R	Well plugging assurances/requirements	Died in committee
Held over in favor of passed HB 4091	SB 84	R	Expedited permitting. <i>See companion HB 4091.</i>	Held over in favor of passed HB 4091
✓	SB 120	D	Well plugging; bonds	Enacted 3/25/20 Eff 90 days from 3/7/20
X	SB 198	R	Severance tax exemption; abandoned wells	Died in committee
X	SB 316	R	Membership on Oil and Gas Conservation Commission	Passed Senate Died in House
X	SB 488	R	Membership on Oil and Gas Conservation Commission	Died in committee
X	SB 520	R	Natural gas production tax credit	Died in committee
X	SB 528	R	Provides criteria for recognition of independent contractors	Passed Senate Died in House
X	SB 535	R	Eliminate deep wells minimum spacing requirements	Died in committee
✓	SB 554	R	Leasing; delivery of releases	Enacted 3/25/20 Eff 90 days from 3/2/20
X	SB 655	R	Operating expenses valuation for well taxation	Passed Senate Died in House
X	SB 827	D	Relating to protection and repair of damage caused by oil and gas industry to state roads	Died in committee
X	SB 840	R	Allows for modifications to well work permits	Passed Senate Died in House
Wisconsin 5/13/20	Access all bills: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019			
X	AB 605/ SB 541	R	No new occupational licensing unless necessary to protect the public and must first weigh cost/benefit of licensure	Died in session
X	AB 753/ SB 706	R	Makes changes for tax-option corporations that elect to pay tax at the entity level	Died in session

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Wyoming 3/6/20	Access all bills: https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2020			
✓	HB 13	R Cmte	Sage grouse mitigation credits	Enacted 3/17/20 Eff 10/1/20
✓	HB 14	R Cmte	Drilling units; pooling; royalties	Enacted 3/9/20 Eff 7/1/20
X	HB 90	D	Requiring notice to private surface owners and private subsurface owners and mineral lessees of proposed lease sales renewal or trades involving state lands	Died in session
X	HB 91	R	Mineral exploration tax incentives	Died in session
X	HB 111	R	Amending existing provisions related to surface damage and disruption payments as to split estates	Died in session
✓	HB 159	R Cmte	Report ad valorem taxes on mineral production on monthly basis	Enacted 3/24/20 Eff immediately
✓	HB 182/ SF 139	R Cmte	Amends existing law regarding enforcement of tax liens on mineral production	SF 139 enacted 3/24/20 Eff 7/1/20 HB 182 - dead
X	HB 196	R Cmte	Relating to mines and minerals; requiring mineral producers to make certifications related to taxes prior to transfer to another producer; specifying applicability	Died in session
X	HB 219	R	Rules providing for the disposal of produced and fresh water in connection with oil and gas leases	Died in session
X	HB 221	R	Establishes notice requirements to persons located within certain well distances, but no more than ½ mile from well.	Died in session
✓	HB 243	R	Amends existing law to provide for certain severance tax rates under defined circumstances and sets forth certain exemptions	Enacted 3/26/20 Eff 7/1/20
X	HJ0001	R	Constitutional amendment to allocate certain percentage of state mineral royalties to schools	Died in session
✓	SF 45	R Cmte	Regulation of underground disposal wells	Enacted 3/10/20 Eff 7/1/20
X	SF 110	R	Office of State Lands and Investments study impact on the failure of federal government to make payments in lieu of tax that are equivalent to the property tax revenue that the state of Wyoming would otherwise generate from lands under federal ownership or control within Wyoming.	Died in session
FEDERAL U.S. Congress 1/31/21	Access all bills: https://www.congress.gov/			
	H.R. 2640	D	Buffalo Tract Protection Act. Withdraws certain New Mexico lands from mineral development.	In committee
	H.R. 5435	D	American Public Lands and Waters Climate Solution Act of 2019. Pauses federal O&G lease sales for one year;	In committee

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			requires Interior Dept. and U.S. Forest Service to effectuate GHG emission goals by 2040.	
	H.R. 5552	D	Migratory Bird Protection Act. Oil and gas companies would face risk of criminal prosecution for unintentional killing of migratory birds	In committee
	H.R. 5575	D	America's Red Rock Wilderness Act. Prohibits certain federal portions of the Colorado Red Rock canyons and the Great Basin Deserts in Utah from coal mining and oil and gas production	In committee
	H.R. 5585	R	Listing Reform Act. Amend the Endangered Species Act to consider the economic cost of listing a species as endangered or threatened	In committee
	H.R. 5636	D	Transparency in Energy Production Act. Impose certain disclosure and reporting requirements by "any entity seeking a lease" for fossil fuel operations on federal land	In committee
	H.R. 5775	D	America's Red Rock Wilderness Act. Protect certain Utah public lands from coal mining and oil and gas production	In committee
	H.R. 5857	D	Fracking Ban Act. Bans hydraulic fracturing on federal lands and revokes permits as of 2021 within 2,500 ft of a home, school or other inhabited structure. In 2025, all hydraulic fracturing is banned.	In committee
	H.R. 5936	D	California's Land Preservation and Protection Act. Requires new BLM supplemental environmental impact statement for federal oil and gas development in California; EPA may override and halt oil and gas leasing	In committee
	S. 2818	D	Fuel Loss Abatement and Royalty Enhancement Act. Requires Interior Department to ban the venting and flaring of gas in oil and gas production on federal land onshore and offshore and promote the capture and beneficial use or reinjection of gas in such operations. Also requires oil and gas companies to pay royalties on gas that is vented or flared pursuant to this bill.	In committee
	S. 3202	D	End Speculative Oil and Gas Leasing Act. Prohibits oil and gas leasing on federal lands determined by BLM to have low or no potential for development	In committee
	S. 3247	I (Sen. Bernie Sanders)	Fracking Ban Act. Ban on federal permits for hydraulic fracturing-related infrastructure and a ban on hydraulic fracturing within 2,500 feet of homes and schools by 2021. In 2025, bans hydraulic fracturing nationwide	In committee
	S. 3533	R	Establishes minimum standards for electronic and remote notarizations and recognition interstate	In committee
	S. 3611	D	Disallows federal lease royalty reductions; moratorium on federal leases; disallows banks receiving CARES Act funds from lending to oil & gas companies; disallows oil companies use of SPR; extends public comment periods; suspends rulemaking favorable to oil & gas industry	In committee
TOTAL BILLS TRACKING:				192