

MENT TO PRORATE OR LIMIT THE OUTPUT OF ANY GAS OR OIL WELL.

~~648U.~~ Every person, intending to drill for the production of gas or oil in this State shall obtain from the Department a well driller's license as provided by Sections 682 to 702 of this Article.

~~648V.~~ 648U. No person shall drill any well for gas or oil in this State without obtaining from the Department a permit for the well, under such reasonable terms and conditions and on such forms as the Department shall prescribe, WHICH PERMIT SHALL SERVE ALSO AS A PERMIT REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 682 TO 702 OF THIS ARTICLE. It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase or dispose of any product of any gas or oil well without said permit having been issued by the Department as herein provided.

~~648W.~~ 648V. Every holder of a permit to drill for gas or oil shall:

(a) Submit a completion report on forms to be supplied by the Department within thirty (30) days after the drilling of a well has been completed;

(b) Submit cutting samples at the request of the Department;

(c) Notify the Department when a well is about to be abandoned, and to seal and plug the well in a manner approved by the Department;

(d) Post a performance bond to the State of Maryland with good and sufficient surety, conditioned upon compliance with the provisions of this sub-title, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.

~~648X.~~ Gas storage companies and public utility companies engaged in the underground storage of natural gas shall obtain a permit for each well which has been drilled on the effective date of this Act or which may hereafter be drilled, and shall be subject to the provisions of Sections ~~648V.~~ and ~~648W.~~ above. Such companies shall not be subject to any other provisions of this sub-title. No such company shall drill or store gas underground without the consent of the owner of the surface land above the underground storage.

~~648Y.~~ (a). No well for the production of gas or oil shall be drilled on any property nearer than five hundred (500) feet to the boundary of the property, except by agreement with the adjacent landowners. Provided also that on those properties on which it may be impossible to locate a well at said distance from the boundary and where no agreement with adjacent landowners has been made, a well may be located nearer than five hundred (500) feet to the boundary with the consent of the Department only where it finds the proposed well will produce gas in paying amounts.

648W. (A) NO WELL FOR THE PRODUCTION OF GAS OR OIL SHALL BE DRILLED ON ANY PROPERTY NEARER THAN ONE THOUSAND FEET TO THE BOUNDARY OF THE PROPERTY EXCEPT BY AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNERS OF THE GAS AND OIL ON ADJACENT LANDS. PROVIDED ALSO THAT ON THOSE PROPERTIES ON WHICH IT MAY BE IM-