

an explanation why the final sentence is proposed for deletion. The only other changes made are in style.

6-113. GAS TO BE METERED.

(A) A PERSON WHO IS THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF ANY GAS WELL MAY NOT WILLFULLY TAKE GAS FROM THE WELL UNLESS THE GAS IS METERED BY A STANDARD METERING SYSTEM. THE CLEANING OR BLOWING OF A WELL IS NOT CONSTRUED AS A "TAKING" WITHIN THE MEANING OF THIS SECTION. IF ANY PERSON OR OPERATOR PRODUCING GAS FROM ANY WELL VIOLATES THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION, HIS INTEREST IN THE LEASE UNDER WHICH THE WELL IS BEING PRODUCED SHALL BE VOID AND SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION AT THE SUIT OF THE OWNERS OF THE ROYALTY INTEREST IN THE LEASED PREMISES ON WHICH THE VIOLATION OCCURS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 687(a) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INSPECT, READ, OR TEST ANY METERS, THROUGH WHICH NATURAL GAS IS BEING MEASURED UPON THE REQUEST OF ANY LESSOR, LESSEE, OPERATOR, OR ROYALTY OWNER FROM WHOSE LAND, LEASE, OR ROYALTY INTEREST, NATURAL GAS IS BEING PRODUCED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 687(b) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

6-114. PENALTIES.

ANY PERSON WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 FOR EACH OFFENSE WITH COSTS IMPOSED IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 66C, section 685 of the Code. Various words after "person" are proposed for deletion since they are included in the definition of person in section 6-102(h). The penalty provision has been changed to delete any minimum punishment. This is based upon the Commission's decision only