

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Legislative Action:

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Senate: _____
Governor: _____

Delegation: Miles City

Referred to Committee: _____

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "Ensuring Environmental Safety Concerning Oil Drilling"

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3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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5 **Section 1. Definitions.** A "drill rig" is used to drill for oil or gas by land.

6 **Section 2. Disposing of Wastes.** Each unit will be responsible for properly disposing of
7 waste chemicals and garbage. No waste can be dumped into surrounding water or onto
8 surrounding land. This waste must be transported to a designated area.

9 If a unit fails to properly dispose of their waste, they will be subject to fines. The fines
10 will be imposed in increments of \$5000 per offense, and will increase with each following
11 offense, while receiving one warning at the first offense.

12 **Section 3. Environmental Impact Statement.** A grid system shall be formed in which
13 each section of the grid is one square mile.

14 Each section with a drilling unit will be required to write and submit an Environmental
15 Impact Statement. At the conclusion of the statement, there will be a recommendation of
16 number of drilling holes allowed, the distance between holes, and rules governing the
17 transportation of product.

18 These statements will be reviewed and evaluated by the Montana State Land Board. This
19 board will administer the rules and restrictions to each section and each unit.

20 **Section 4. Major Catastrophe Coverage.** A \$500,000 bond must be posted previous to
21 any drilling activity to cover the any damages of a major catastrophe.

22 **Section 5.** This bill we become effective immediately upon passage.

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