_____ BILL NO. _____

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BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 82-11-134, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 82-11-134, MCA, is amended to read:

"**82-11-134. Permit fees.** In addition to the privilege and license tax, before commencing the drilling of an oil or gas well or stratigraphic test well or core hole, a person shall secure from the board a drilling permit and shall pay to the board ~~therefor the following amounts:~~

~~(1) for each well whose estimated depth is 3,500 feet or less, $25;~~

~~(2) from 3,501 feet to 7,000 feet, $75;~~

~~(3) 7,000 feet and deeper, $150~~ a permit fee, as established by rule, not to exceed $1,000."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2027.

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