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S.B. No. 2122

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to imposition of application fees for certain permits and permit amendments for the disposal of oil and gas waste.

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

SECTION 1. Section 91.1013, Natural Resources Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) ~~[With each application for a fluid injection well permit, the applicant shall submit to the commission a nonrefundable fee of \$200.]~~ In this section:

(1) "Fluid~~[, "fluid]~~ injection well" means any well used to inject fluid or gas into the ground in connection with the exploration or production of oil or gas other than an oil and gas waste disposal well regulated by the commission pursuant to Chapter 27, Water Code.

(2) "Land application permit" means a permit authorizing the covering of a controlled area with gas plant effluent or low-chloride produced water through the use of a sprinkler or other irrigation system.

(3) "Landfarm permit" means a permit authorizing the disposal of low chloride, water-based drilling fluid or oil and gas waste by mixing or tilling the fluid or waste into the natural soil so that the waste will not migrate from the area covered by the landfarm permit.

1 (4) "Landtreatment permit" means a permit authorizing
2 the disposal of oil-based drilling fluid, oil-impacted soil, or oil
3 and gas waste by mixing or tilling the fluid, soil, or waste into
4 the natural soil to degrade the fluid, impacted soil, or waste so
5 that the fluid, impacted soil, or waste will not migrate from the
6 area covered by the landtreatment permit.

7 (a-1) With each application for a fluid injection well
8 permit, the applicant shall submit to the commission a
9 nonrefundable fee of \$200.

10 (b) An applicant ~~[With each application]~~ for a permit to
11 store, treat, or dispose of certain oil and gas waste ~~[discharge to~~
12 ~~surface water under this chapter and commission rules, other than a~~
13 ~~permit for a discharge that meets National Pollutant Discharge~~
14 ~~Elimination System requirements for agricultural or wildlife use,~~
15 ~~the applicant]~~ shall submit to the commission a nonrefundable fee
16 for that application as follows:

17 (1) \$500 for an application for a landfarm,
18 landtreatment, or land application permit or permit amendment;

19 (2) \$2,000 for an application for a commercial oil and
20 gas waste separation facility permit;

21 (3) \$1,000 for an application for an amendment to a
22 commercial waste separation facility permit;

23 (4) \$3,000 for an application for a commercial surface
24 oil and gas waste facility permit; and

25 (5) \$1,000 for an application for an amendment to a
26 commercial surface waste facility permit ~~[of \$300].~~

27 SECTION 2. Section [91.1013](#), Natural Resources Code, as

1 amended by this Act, applies only to an application for the issuance
2 or amendment of a permit that is filed with the Railroad Commission
3 of Texas on or after the effective date of this Act. An application
4 for a permit filed before the effective date of this Act is governed
5 by the law in effect on the date of the filing, and the former law is
6 continued in effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.