

HOUSE BILL No. 2424

By Representative White

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1 AN ACT concerning water; relating to the department of health and
2 environment; establishing a pump installation contractor license and
3 qualifications for applicants therefor; allowing applicants for water well
4 contractor and pump installation contractor licenses to take
5 examinations online; adding additional qualifications for applicants of
6 water well contractor licenses; requiring additional information to be
7 included in the water well record as required by the secretary; requiring
8 a water well contractor to provide a water quality analysis to the
9 secretary upon request within 60 days of well completion or within an
10 extended timeframe granted by the secretary; requiring the water
11 quality analysis to be conducted by a Kansas certified laboratory;
12 requiring pump installation contractors to keep a record of each pump
13 installed and submit the record to the secretary within 30 days;
14 requiring the pump installation record to include certain data as
15 required by the secretary; requiring the entire amount of any penalty
16 collected under the act to be deposited in the water program fund
17 instead of the state general fund; amending K.S.A. 82a-1202, 82a-1203,
18 82a-1205, 82a-1207, 82a-1209, 82a-1210, 82a-1212, 82a-1213, 82a-
19 1214 and 82a-1216 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 82a-1206; also repealing
20 K.S.A. 82a-1218.

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22 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

23 New Section 1. (a) Any pump installation contractor licensed under
24 this act shall keep a careful and accurate record of each pump installed and
25 shall furnish a record of the pump installation to the secretary within 30
26 days after installation of each pump in such form as the secretary may
27 require. The record shall include the following information:

28 (1) The name and address of the landowner and the location and legal
29 description of the well, including the latitude and longitude of the well;
30 (2) the intended use of the well water;
31 (3) pump information, including the date that the pump was installed,
32 the type of pump installed, horsepower, voltage, pump capacity in gallons
33 per minute and the drop pipe diameter and length; and
34 (4) any other data as the secretary reasonably requires.
35 (b) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas
36 groundwater exploration and protection act.

1 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 82a-1202 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-
2 1202. (a) It is the purpose of this act to provide for the exploration and
3 protection of groundwater through the licensing and regulation of water
4 well contractors *and pump installation contractors* in Kansas to protect the
5 health and general welfare of the citizens of this state; to protect
6 groundwater resources from waste and potential pollution by requiring
7 proper description of the location, drilling and well construction, and
8 proper plugging of abandoned water wells and test holes; and to provide
9 data on potential water supplies through well logs, well pumping tests and
10 water quality tests ~~which~~ that will permit the economic and efficient
11 utilization and management of the water resources of this state.

12 (b) In order to achieve these objectives, this act:

13 (1) Requires licensing of water well contractors *and pump*
14 *installation contractors*;

15 (2) provides for the establishment of standards for well construction,
16 reconstruction, treatment and plugging;

17 (3) *provides for the establishment of standards for pump installation*
18 *and repair*;

19 (4) requires each-licensed water well contractor to:

20 (A) Keep and transmit to the ~~state~~ secretary, upon request, a copy of
21 the log of the well, pump test data, if available, and water quality samples;
22 and ~~maintains~~

23 (B) *maintain* within the state geological survey of Kansas a record
24 system of well logs and water quality data ~~which~~ that will be *made*
25 available to the public; and

26 (5) *requires each pump installation contractor to keep and transmit*
27 *to the secretary a pump information report.*

28 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 82a-1203 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-
29 1203. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

30 (a) "Construction of water wells" means all acts necessary to
31 obtaining groundwater by any method for any use including, without
32 limitation, the location of and excavation for the well.

33 (b) "Domestic uses" means the use of water by any person, family
34 unit or household for household purposes, the watering of livestock,
35 poultry, farm and domestic animals used in operating a farm or the
36 irrigation of lands not exceeding a total of two acres in area for the
37 growing of gardens, orchards or lawns.

38 (c) "Person" means any individual, association, firm, partnership,
39 corporation or governmental entity.

40 (e)(d) (1) "Pump installation contractor" means any person who
41 installs, repairs or maintains well pumps, pitless well adapters or units
42 and pumping equipment at the water well location, including all wiring
43 and all construction or repair involved in making entrance to the water

1 well that involves breaking the sanitary well seal.

2 (2) "Pump installation contractor" does not include:

3 (A) A person while in the act of installing a pump on land that is
4 owned by such person and is used by such person for domestic uses at
5 such person's place of abode, but only when the pump is installed in
6 compliance with prescribed minimum installation standards as provided in
7 this act; or

8 (B) a person who installs a pump for a pump installation contractor
9 at such contractor's direction and under such contractor's supervision.

10 (e) "Sand point" or "well point" means any driven well ~~which~~ that is
11 25 feet or less in depth and is constructed by manually driving into the
12 ground a drive point fitted to the lower end of tightly connected sections of
13 pipe that are 2 inches or less in diameter.

14 (d) ~~"Domestic uses" means the use of water by any person, family~~
15 ~~unit or household for household purposes, the watering of livestock,~~
16 ~~poultry, farm and domestic animals used in operating a farm or the~~
17 ~~irrigation of lands not exceeding a total of two acres in area for the~~
18 ~~growing of gardens, orchards or lawns.~~

19 (f) "Secretary" means the secretary of health and environment.

20 (g) "Water well" means any excavation that is drilled, cored, bored,
21 washed, driven, dug, jetted or otherwise constructed, when the intended
22 use of such excavation is for the location, diversion, artificial recharge or
23 acquisition of groundwater.

24 (h) (1) "Water well contractor" ~~or "contractor"~~ means any person
25 who constructs, reconstructs, ~~plugs~~ or treats a water well. ~~The term shall~~

26 (2) "Water well contractor" does not include:

27 (A) ~~An individual~~ A person while in the act of constructing,
28 reconstructing, plugging or treating a water well on land ~~which~~ that is
29 owned by such ~~individual~~ person and is used by such ~~individual~~ person for
30 domestic purposes uses at such ~~individual~~ person's place of abode, but
31 only when the well is constructed, reconstructed, plugged or treated in
32 compliance with prescribed minimum well standards as provided in this
33 act; or

34 (B) ~~an individual~~ a person who performs labor or services for a
35 licensed water well contractor at such contractor's direction and under such
36 contractor's supervision.

37 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 82a-1205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-
38 1205. (a) The secretary shall be responsible for the administration and
39 enforcement of the provisions of this act and any rules and regulations
40 adopted pursuant thereto.

41 (b) (1) (4) The secretary shall ~~fix by rules and regulations~~ adopt rules
42 and regulations on a biennial basis to establish reasonable license fees
43 annually for each water well contractor and for each drill rig operated by

1 or for such water well contractor. The secretary shall ~~fix by~~ adopt rules and
2 regulations to establish an additional fee for each water well drilled except
3 as provided in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (e) of K.S.A. 82a-
4 1203(h)(2), and amendments thereto. Such fees shall be in an amount,
5 which, together with any other funds available therefor, will produce an
6 amount, which will properly administer the provisions of this act.

7 (B) The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations on a biennial
8 basis to establish reasonable license fees for pump installation
9 contractors. The pump installation contractor license fee shall not apply
10 to a person as specified in K.S.A. 82a-1203(d)(2), and amendments
11 thereto.

12 (C) Any nonresident may secure a water well contractor's license in
13 Kansas upon approval of an application therefor by the secretary and the
14 payment of a fee equal to the fee charged for a similar nonresident license
15 by the state in which the applicant is a resident, but in no case shall the fee
16 be less than that charged to a Kansas resident.

17 (2) The fees established pursuant to this subsection shall be in an
18 amount that, when taken together with any other available funds, will
19 allow for the proper administration of this act.

20 (c) The secretary shall have the power and authority ~~and may cause to~~
21 ~~be inspected water wells to inspect any water well, pump installation and~~
22 ~~associated maintenance activities~~ in all phases of construction,
23 reconstruction, treatment or plugging; and shall have access to such wells
24 at all reasonable times. The secretary shall have general supervision and
25 authority over the construction, reconstruction ~~and~~, treatment ~~and~~
26 plugging of all water wells and the plugging of holes drilled and
27 abandoned in search of a groundwater supply or hydrogeological
28 information.

29 (d) The secretary may employ within funds available such
30 engineering, geological, legal, clerical and other personnel as may be
31 necessary for the proper performance of responsibilities under this act.
32 Such employees shall be within the classified service under the Kansas
33 civil service act.

34 (e) The secretary is authorized and directed to ~~cause~~:
35 (1) Administer the examination ~~to be made~~ of applicants for licensing
36 of water well contractor license applicants and pump installation
37 contractor license applicants pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1207, and
38 amendments thereto; ~~to~~

39 (2) renew such licenses; ~~to~~

40 (3) adopt rules and regulations necessary to establish continuing
41 educational requirements for persons licensed under this act; ~~to~~

42 (4) issue licenses to qualified water well contractors and qualified
43 pump installation contractors in this state; ~~to~~

1 (5) *deny, modify, revoke or suspend*—~~lienses after their issuance is~~
2 ~~hereafter determined, after notice to the person affected and an opportunity~~
3 ~~for hearing any license issued pursuant to this act after providing notice~~
4 ~~and an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the~~
5 ~~Kansas administrative procedure act; and to~~

6 (6) *issue or reinstate* licenses previously ~~denied, modified, revoked or~~
7 ~~suspended when justification therefor for such action is shown.~~

8 (f) The secretary shall prepare, in the form and manner prescribed by
9 law, a report on the administration of this act.

10 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 82a-1206 is hereby amended to read as
11 follows: 82a-1206. (a) Every ~~well contractor~~ person desiring to engage in
12 the business of ~~constructing, reconstructing or treating~~ water wells a ~~water~~
13 ~~well contractor~~ in this state shall make initial application for a ~~water well~~
14 ~~contractor~~ license to the secretary. ~~Every contractor~~ Each person making
15 such application shall set out such information as may be required upon
16 forms ~~to be adopted and furnished~~ provided by the secretary. The secretary
17 shall charge an application fee as established by rules and regulations for
18 the filing of such initial application ~~by a contractor, and~~. The secretary
19 shall not act upon any application until such application fee has been paid.

20 (b) All application fees and license fees collected hereunder shall be
21 remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A.
22 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance,
23 the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to
24 the credit of the water program management fund established pursuant to
25 K.S.A. 65-166b, and amendments thereto. Each person desiring to engage
26 in the business of a pump installation contractor in this state shall make
27 initial application for a pump installation contractor license to the
28 secretary. Each person making such application shall set out such
29 information as may be required upon forms provided by the secretary. The
30 secretary shall charge an application fee as established by rules and
31 regulations for the filing of such initial application. The secretary shall not
32 act upon any application until such application fee has been paid.

33 (c) A ~~water well contractor license or a pump installation contractor~~
34 license ~~to construct water wells~~ shall be issued to any applicant if, under
35 the standards set forth in K.S.A. 82a-1207, and amendments thereto, the
36 secretary ~~shall determine~~ determines that such applicant is qualified to
37 ~~conduct water well construction operations~~ be a licensed water well
38 contractor or a licensed pump installation contractor. In the granting of
39 such licenses, due regard shall be given to the interest of the state of
40 Kansas in the protection of its underground water resources. Application
41 fees paid hereunder shall be retained by the secretary whether such initial
42 license is issued or denied, but if denied, the license fee shall be refunded.

43 (d) Applicants for licenses hereunder who are engaged in business as

1 a water well ~~contractors~~ contractor or a pump installation contractor in
2 this state, if ~~incorporated~~ required to be registered and in good standing
3 with the secretary of state, shall submit evidence of current good standing
4 with the registration requirements for corporations of the secretary of state.

5 (e) The fees collected by the secretary under this section shall be
6 remitted by the secretary to the state treasurer in accordance with the
7 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of
8 each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in
9 the state treasury to the credit of the water program fund.

10 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 82a-1207 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-
11 1207. (a) Under such reasonable rules and regulations as the secretary may
12 adopt pertaining to the business of ~~a water well contracting and~~
13 ~~construction of water wells~~ contractor or pump installation contractor, the
14 secretary shall investigate, by examination or otherwise, the qualifications
15 of all applicants for ~~an initial licenses as water well contractors to~~
16 ~~construct, reconstruct or treat wells for production of underground waters~~
17 license as a water well contractor or pump installation contractor in this
18 state. Where an examination is required, such examination may be oral ~~or~~
19 written, online or ~~both~~ any combination thereof.

20 (1) The qualifications required of each candidate for ~~such an~~ a water
21 well contractor examination are as follows:

22 (A) Familiarity with Kansas water laws, sanitary standards for
23 water well drilling and construction of water wells and rules and
24 regulations relating to water well construction, reconstruction, treatment
25 and plugging as adopted by the secretary;

26 (B) knowledge of groundwater and subsurface geology in its
27 relation to well construction;

28 (C) knowledge of current drilling methods, including, but not limited
29 to, cable-tool, hollow-stem auger, mud-rotary, direct-push, sonic, air
30 rotary and sand bailing;

31 (D) familiarity with:

32 (i) Pump installation, replacement and repair for water wells,
33 including any necessary components of the water well system; and

34 (ii) installation of water treatment devices, water pressure tanks,
35 pressure switches, pressure relief valves and pitless well adapters or units
36 for water wells; and

37 (E) a minimum of two years of experience working under a licensed
38 water well contractor.

39 (2) The qualifications required of each candidate for a pump
40 installation contractor examination are as follows:

41 (A) Familiarity with Kansas water laws and rules and regulations
42 that relate to water well construction, reconstruction and treatment as
43 adopted by the secretary;

1 (B) *familiarity with:*

2 (i) *Pump installation, replacement for and repair of water wells,*
3 *including any necessary components of the water well system; and*
4 (ii) *installation of water treatment devices, water pressure tanks,*
5 *pressure switches, pressure relief valves and pitless well adapters or units*
6 *for water wells; and*

7 (C) *a minimum of one year of experience working under a licensed*
8 *pump installation contractor.*

9 (b) The examinations conducted by the secretary shall be held at such
10 times and places as ~~he~~ the secretary may determine. Failure of an applicant
11 to pass such examination shall disqualify ~~him~~ the applicant from making
12 further application for a period of one-~~1~~ month. The secretary shall act
13 within a reasonable time upon all applications for licenses ~~hereunder~~ in
14 *this section.*

15 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 82a-1209 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-
16 1209. (a) The term of all licenses issued under the provisions of this act
17 shall be July 1 of each year through the following June 30.

18 (b) Any *water well contractor or pump installation contractor*
19 licensed under the provisions of this act may, on or before July 1, of each
20 year, renew such license by paying the annual fee as determined by the
21 secretary and complying with continuing education requirements
22 established by the secretary.

23 (c) (1) If the licensee has not met the requirements for renewal of the
24 license on or before July 1, the license shall be revoked by the secretary.

25 (2) Prior to such revocation, ~~however~~, the secretary shall notify the
26 applicant of the secretary's intention to revoke the applicant's license at
27 least 10 days prior to the time set for action to be taken, by notice to the
28 applicant at the address appearing on such license in the records and files
29 of the secretary and compliance with the provisions of the Kansas
30 administrative procedure act.

31 (d) A license, once revoked, may not be reinstated unless the
32 revocation resulted because of an error of the secretary or other reason not
33 the fault of the licensee.

34 (e) (1) A person whose *water well contractor or pump installation*
35 *contractor* license has been revoked and who desires to ~~continue to engage~~
36 ~~in the business of water well construction~~ *become relicensed* in this state;
37 ~~must make~~ *shall submit an application as provided for in K.S.A. 82a-1207*
38 *pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1206*, and amendments thereto.

39 (2) Such applicant may be required to retake the examination
40 *pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1206, and amendments thereto.*

41 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 82a-1210 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-
42 1210. (a) Any license issued under this act may be revoked by the
43 secretary:

1 (1)- When the licensee has practiced fraud or deceit in obtaining a
2 license or ~~otherwise~~ while engaging in activities regulated by this act;

3 (2)- for negligence or incompetence; or

4 (3)- for violating any requirement of this act; or

5 (4) *when a licensee voluntarily relinquishes a license.*

6 (b) (1) Any person, in addition to the secretary, may make complaint
7 against any licensee.

8 (2) Notice shall be given to the licensee of the specific charges; *made*
9 *in any such complaint* in accordance with the notice provisions of the
10 Kansas administrative procedure act.

11 (c) Prior to revocation or suspension of a license, the water well
12 contractor *or pump installation contractor* shall be afforded the
13 opportunity promptly to bring the well up to standard or to correct the
14 error resulting in the complaint. Compliance must be acceptable to the
15 secretary.

16 (d) The secretary shall not revoke any license pursuant to this section
17 without giving the licensee an opportunity for hearing in accordance with
18 the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

19 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 82a-1212 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-
20 1212. (a) ~~Any~~ Every water well contractor ~~licensed under this act who~~ constructs, reconstructs or plugs a water well shall keep a careful and
21 accurate ~~log~~ record of the construction, reconstruction or plugging of such
22 well ~~each~~ water well that such contractor constructs, reconstructs or plugs
23 and shall ~~furnish~~ submit each record of said well ~~log~~ to the secretary
24 within ~~thirty~~ (30) days ~~after~~ of the completion of such constructing,
25 reconstructing or plugging such water well in such form as the secretary
26 ~~might~~ may require. The ~~log~~ record shall ~~show~~ include the following
27 information:

28 (a) (1) The name and address of the landowner *and the location* and
29 ~~the legal description of the location~~ of the well, *including the latitude and*
30 *longitude of the well;*

31 (b) ~~The character and depth of the formation passed through or~~
32 ~~encountered~~ (2) *the description and depth of any encountered geological*
33 *materials;*

34 (c) (3) *the depth at which water is encountered, if possible;*

35 (d) (4) *the depth and diameter of the borehole;*

36 (5) *if a gravel pack is used, the type of material, size of particles and*
37 *depth of such gravel pack;*

38 (6) *the depth and thickness of grout or other sealing material, if*
39 *applicable;*

40 (7) *blank casing information, including the length, outside diameter,*
41 *wall thickness and type of material of such blank casing, if applicable;*

42 (8) *screen information, including the length, outside diameter, slot or*

1 *perforation size and type, wall thickness and type of material of such*
2 *screen, if applicable;*

3 *(9) the casing joint or connection type, if applicable;*

4 *(10) the static water level of the completed well, if applicable;*

5 ~~(e) A copy of the record of pumping tests, if any; and (11) the water~~
6 ~~level reached when pumped at the designated rate, including the rate of~~
7 ~~pumping and amount of time pumped, if applicable;~~

8 ~~(f) The construction or reconstruction details of the completed water~~
9 ~~well including lengths and sizes of casing, length and size of perforations~~
10 ~~or screens, and length and size of gravel packing;~~

11 ~~(g) The amount, type and placement of plug materials used in~~
12 ~~plugging a water well.~~

13 ~~A water sample shall be furnished to the secretary, upon request, within~~
14 ~~thirty (30) days after completion of such well unless an extension of time~~
15 ~~is granted by the secretary, in which case, the sample shall be furnished to~~
16 ~~the secretary within such extended period of time. The well logs and a~~
17 ~~copy of the water quality analysis shall be transmitted by the secretary to~~
18 ~~the state geological survey and kept on file by the survey and be available~~
19 ~~to the public.~~

20 *(12) the yield of the water well in gallons per minute or gallons per*
21 *hour, if applicable;*

22 *(13) information on any pump installed if applicable, including the*
23 *date that the pump was installed, the type of pump, horsepower, voltage,*
24 *pump capacity in gallons per minute, and the drop or column pipe*
25 *diameter and length;*

26 *(14) the intended use of the well water;*

27 *(15) certification that the well was disinfected, if applicable;*

28 *(16) identification of any permit required for the water well,*
29 *including any state, county or municipal permit;*

30 *(17) the name and signature of the water well contractor and license*
31 *number or the name and phone number of the individual as specified in*
32 *K.S.A. 82a-1203(h)(2)(B), and amendments thereto;*

33 *(18) the date that the construction, reconstruction or plugging, as*
34 *applicable, was completed; and*

35 *(19) any other data that the secretary reasonably requires.*

36 *(b) A water quality analysis of any well shall be provided to the*
37 *secretary, upon request, within 60 days after completion of each well*
38 *unless an extension of time is granted by the secretary. If an extension of*
39 *time is so granted, the water quality analysis shall be provided to the*
40 *secretary within such extended period of time. A Kansas-certified*
41 *laboratory shall conduct the water quality analysis.*

42 *(c) The secretary shall transmit each well record and a copy of the*
43 *water quality analysis to the state geological survey to be kept on file. The*

1 state geological survey shall make each such transmitted record and
2 analysis publicly available.

3 Sec. 10. K.S.A. 82a-1213 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-
4 1213. (a) All holes drilled in search of a water supply and abandoned, shall
5 be properly plugged by the ~~drilling~~ water well contractor in accordance
6 with rules and regulations established by the secretary in order to ~~assure~~
7 ensure adequate and proper plugging of abandoned wells to prevent
8 pollution of existing groundwater.

9 (b) Any *water well* contractor who fails to properly seal any
10 exploratory wells drilled in search of a water supply and abandoned by
11 ~~him or her~~ *the water well contractor* shall be subject to the penalties set
12 out in this act.

13 (c) All unplugged abandoned water wells shall be plugged or caused
14 to be plugged by the landowner in accordance with rules and regulations
15 established by the secretary in order to ~~assure~~ ensure adequate and proper
16 plugging of abandoned water wells to prevent pollution to existing
17 groundwater supplies, ~~except that no~~.

18 (d) *Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, an*
19 ~~unplugged abandoned water well existing on the effective date of this act~~
20 ~~which is not polluting or threatening to pollute a groundwater supply or~~
21 ~~before July 1, 1973, that does not pose a threat to public health, safety or~~
22 ~~the environment~~ shall not be required to be plugged.

23 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 82a-1214 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-
24 1214. ~~Any person who shall willfully violate any lawful rule or regulation~~
25 ~~of the secretary relating to water well contracting, or who shall engage in~~
26 ~~the business of constructing, reconstructing or treating water wells without~~
27 ~~first having obtained a license as in this act required, or who shall~~
28 ~~knowingly violate any provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a class B~~
29 ~~misdemeanor and subject to the penalties therefor as provided by law. In~~
30 ~~addition the secretary of health and environment is hereby authorized to~~
31 ~~apply to the district court for enforcement of this act or rules and~~
32 ~~regulations adopted under this act in accordance with the provisions of the~~
33 ~~Kansas judicial review act. Any person who knowingly violates any~~
34 ~~provisions of this act or any rules and regulations adopted under this act,~~
35 ~~or who engages in the business of a water well contractor or a pump~~
36 ~~installation contractor without first obtaining a license as required by this~~
37 ~~act, shall be guilty of a class B nonperson misdemeanor and subject to the~~
38 ~~penalties therefor as provided by law. The secretary is hereby authorized~~
39 ~~to apply to the district court for enforcement of this act or rules and~~
40 ~~regulations adopted under this act in accordance with the provisions of the~~
41 ~~Kansas judicial review act.~~

42 Sec. 12. K.S.A. 82a-1216 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-
43 1216. (a) Any person who violates any provision of the Kansas

1 groundwater exploration and protection act, any rules and regulations
2 adopted thereunder or any order issued by the secretary thereunder shall
3 incur, in addition to other penalties provided by law, a civil penalty *of* not
4 to exceed \$5,000 for each violation. In the case of a continuing violation,
5 every day *that* such violation continues shall be deemed a separate
6 violation.

7 (b) (1) The secretary ~~of the department of health and environment~~ or
8 the director of the division of environment, if designated by the secretary,
9 upon a finding that a person has violated any provision of the Kansas
10 groundwater exploration and protection act, ~~or~~ any order issued or *any* rule
11 and regulation adopted thereunder, may:

12 (1) Issue a written order requiring that necessary remedial or
13 preventive action be taken within a reasonable time period;

14 (2) assess a civil penalty for each violation within the limits
15 provided in this section, which shall constitute an actual and substantial
16 economic deterrent to the violation for which assessed; or

17 (3) both issue such order and assess such penalty.

18 (2) The order shall specify the provisions of the act or rules and
19 regulations alleged to be violated and the facts constituting each violation.
20 Such order shall include the right to a hearing. Any such order shall
21 become final unless, within 15 days after service of the order, the person
22 named therein shall request in writing a hearing by the secretary. If a
23 hearing is requested, the secretary shall notify the alleged violator or
24 violators of the date, place and time of the hearing.

25 (c) No civil penalty shall be imposed under this section except after
26 notification by issuance and service of the written order and hearing, if a
27 hearing is requested, in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas
28 administrative procedure act.

29 (d) Any person aggrieved by an order of the secretary made under
30 this section may appeal such order to the district court in the manner
31 provided by the Kansas judicial review act.

32 (e) Any penalty recovered pursuant to the provisions of this section
33 shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of
34 K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such
35 remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state
36 treasury to the credit of the ~~state general~~ water program fund.

37 (f) Nothing in this act shall be construed to abridge, limit or otherwise
38 impair the right of any person to damages or other relief on account of
39 injury to persons or property and to maintain any action or other
40 appropriate proceeding therefor.

41 Sec. 13. K.S.A. 82a-1202, 82a-1203, 82a-1205, 82a-1207, 82a-1209,
42 82a-1210, 82a-1212, 82a-1213, 82a-1214, 82a-1216 and 82a-1218 and
43 K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 82a-1206 are hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
2 publication in the statute book.