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**HOUSE BILL 13-1316**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION**  
102 **COMMISSION'S ADOPTION OF UNIFORM STATEWIDE**  
103 **GROUNDWATER SAMPLING RULES, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
104 **THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The Colorado oil and gas conservation commission recently adopted rules that require oil and gas operators to conduct groundwater

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

HOUSE  
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May 1, 2013

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Amended 2nd Reading  
April 30, 2013

sampling but specify less rigorous standards for particular areas of the state. The bill requires the commission to adopt uniform statewide groundwater sampling rules that obligate operators to sample groundwater sources at specified intervals before and after drilling of a well.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 34-60-106, **amend**  
3 (2) (d) as follows:

4           **34-60-106. Additional powers of commission - rules.** (2) The  
5 commission has the authority to regulate:

6           (d) (I) Oil and gas operations so as to prevent and mitigate  
7 significant adverse environmental impacts on any air, water, soil, or  
8 biological resource resulting from oil and gas operations to the extent  
9 necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare, including  
10 protection of the environment and wildlife resources, taking into  
11 consideration cost-effectiveness and technical feasibility.

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13           (II) THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT EXEMPT THE GREATER  
14 WATTENBERG AREA FROM AN OTHERWISE GENERALLY APPLICABLE  
15 STATEWIDE WATER QUALITY SAMPLING RULE.

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17           **SECTION 2. No appropriation.** The general assembly has  
18 determined that this act can be implemented within existing  
19 appropriations, and therefore no separate appropriation of state moneys  
20 is necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

21           **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
22 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
23 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the

1 general assembly (August 7, 2013, if adjournment sine die is on May 8,  
2 2013); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
3 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
4 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
5 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
6 to be held in November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
7 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

8 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable  
9 effective date of this act.