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## **SB 1817**

Introduced by  
Senator Farnsworth

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 27-524, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PRODUCTION  
AND CONSERVATION OF OIL AND GAS.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 27-524, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 27-524. Enforcement

5 A. When it appears that a person is violating or threatening to  
6 violate any provision of this article, or a rule, ~~regulation~~ or order made  
7 pursuant to this article, and such person fails or refuses, on notice by  
8 the commissioner, to desist from such violation or threat of violation,  
9 the commissioner may bring an action in the superior court **IN THE COUNTY**  
10 where the offending person resides, or in the county in which **THE**  
11 violation is alleged to have occurred or is threatened, to restrain the  
12 person from continuing the violation or from carrying out a threat of  
13 violation.

14 B. The commissioner may without bond obtain a prohibitory or  
15 mandatory injunction, including a temporary restraining order and  
16 preliminary injunction, and, where appropriate, an injunction restraining  
17 **THE** defendant from moving or disposing of illegal oil or gas or **AN** illegal  
18 product. ~~upon~~ **ON** filing the action, **A** summons directed to such person may  
19 be delivered to the sheriff of any county in this state for service.

20 C. If the commissioner fails to bring **AN** action within ten days to  
21 enjoin a threatened or actual violation of any statute relating to  
22 conservation of oil and gas, or of any provision of this article, or a  
23 rule, ~~regulation~~ or order made pursuant to this article, any person or  
24 party in interest adversely affected by the threatened or actual violation  
25 who has notified the commissioner in writing thereof and requested the  
26 commissioner to file the action may bring the action in the superior court  
27 ~~of~~ **IN** any county in which the commissioner might have brought the action  
28 to prevent the threatened or actual violation. The commissioner shall be  
29 made a party to the action.

30 D. If the court orders that injunctive relief be granted, then the  
31 commissioner shall be substituted for the person who brought the action,  
32 and the injunction shall issue as if the commissioner had at all times  
33 been **THE** plaintiff.

34 E. The owner or operator is responsible for the full cost of  
35 plugging each dry or abandoned well. If the owner or operator fails to  
36 properly plug and abandon the well, the commission may:

37 1. Forfeit the bond and use the money for that purpose.

38 2. Sue the owner or operator for costs in excess of the amount of  
39 the bond and the owner or operator is liable for that amount.