



2020 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 17

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS ENGROSSED

Introduced by: The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources

1 **An Act to make an appropriation for the plugging and surface reclamation of natural**
2 **gas wells and to declare an emergency.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the petroleum release compensation fund the
5 sum of seven hundred twenty-seven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$727,700), or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary, to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, for
7 purposes of the plugging and surface reclamation of natural gas wells.

8 **Section 2.** The funds appropriated in section 1 of this Act may be expended solely for
9 purposes of well plugging and surface reclamation activities required under rules promulgated
10 by the Board of Minerals and Environment under § 45-9-11. The activities performed and the
11 costs incurred shall be approved by the secretary of environment and natural resources before
12 the commencement of the work.

13 **Section 3.** The secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall
14 approve vouchers and the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized
15 by this Act.

16 **Section 4.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall
17 revert in accordance with procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

18 **Section 5.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its
19 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in
20 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.