Explanation:

Matter in bolded Italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is language that is to be omitted.

The People of the State of Nevada do enact as follows:

Effective January 1, 2015, the Nevada Constitution shall be amended as follows: Section 1.

Article 10 (Taxation), Sec. 5 (Tax on proceeds of minerals; appropriation to counties; apportionment; assessment and taxation of mines), Subsection 1, of the Constitution of the State of Nevada is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. The legislature shall provide by law for a tax upon the net proceeds of all minerals, including oil, gas and other hydrocarbons, extracted in this state, at a rate not to exceed [5] 9 percent of the net proceeds. No other tax may be imposed upon a mineral or its proceeds until the identity of the proceeds as such is lost.

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