

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1401

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE CUTLER

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 11, by inserting after "TAX;"
2 in general provisions, providing for expiration of well
3 permits;

4 Amend Bill, page 36, by inserting between lines 11 and 12

5 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
6 Section 3003.23. Expiration of well permits.--(a) Well
7 permits issued for drilling wells under 58 Pa.C.S. Ch. 32
8 (relating to development) shall expire one year after issuance
9 unless operations for drilling the well are commenced within the
10 period and pursued with due diligence or unless the permit is
11 renewed in accordance with regulations of the department. If
12 drilling is commenced during the one-year period, the well
13 permit shall remain in force until the well is plugged in
14 accordance with 58 Pa.C.S. § 3220 (relating to plugging
15 requirements) or the permit is revoked. A drilling permit issued
16 prior to April 18, 1985, for a well which is an operating well
17 on April 18, 1985, shall remain in force as a well permit until
18 the well is plugged in accordance with 58 Pa.C.S. § 3220.

19 (b) The Department of Environmental Protection may
20 establish, by rulemaking promulgated by the Environmental
21 Quality Board, the option for applicants to apply for multi-year
22 well permits. The well permit application fee charged by the
23 department shall be prorated according to the duration of the
24 multi-year well permit.

25 Amend Bill, page 36, line 12, by striking out "2" and
26 inserting

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28 Amend Bill, page 36, line 16, by striking out "3" and
29 inserting

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31 Amend Bill, page 36, line 17, by striking out "3" and
32 inserting

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2 Amend Bill, page 36, by inserting between lines 21 and 22

3 (3) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
4 paragraph (4) is necessary to effectuate the addition of
5 section 3003.23 of the act.

6 (4) 58 Pa.C.S. § 3211(i) is repealed.

7 Amend Bill, page 36, line 22, by striking out "4" and

8 inserting

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