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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
FEBRUARY 17, 2015

AN ACT

1 Providing for restrictions on disposal well locations; and
2 providing for enforcement by the Department of Environmental
3 Protection.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania
8 Disposal Well Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Building." An occupied structure with walls and roof within
14 which persons live or customarily work.

15 "Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of
16 the Commonwealth.

17 "Disposal well." A permitted well that is:

18 (1) Drilled or altered to inject brines and other fluids

1 associated with the production of oil and natural gas for
2 disposal.

3 (2) Classified as a Class II well and regulated under 40
4 CFR Pt. 144 (relating to underground injection control
5 program).

6 Section 3. Disposal well location restrictions.

7 On and after the effective date of this section, no disposal
8 well may be located within 1,000 feet, measured horizontally
9 from the vertical well bore, of a building, water well, surface
10 water intake, reservoir or other water supply extraction point
11 used by a water purveyor, in existence when a permit application
12 to drill or operate the disposal well is submitted, without
13 written consent of the owner of the building or water well or
14 the water purveyor.

15 Section 4. Enforcement.

16 The department shall enforce the provisions of this act.

17 Section 5. Effective date.

18 This act shall take effect immediately.