

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1217 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY DeMEDIO, FRYER, RITTER, MEBUS AND WEIDNER,
MAY 5, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MINES AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT,
MAY 6, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 27, 1966 (P.L.31, No.1), entitled "An
2 act to protect the public health, welfare and safety by
3 regulating the mining of bituminous coal; declaring the
4 existence of a public interest in the support of surface
5 structures; forbidding damage to specified classes of
6 existing structures from the mining of bituminous coal;
7 requiring permits, and in certain circumstances bonds, for
8 the mining of bituminous coal; providing for the filing of
9 maps or plans with recorders of deeds; providing for the
10 giving of notice of mining operations to political
11 subdivisions and surface landowners of record; requiring mine
12 inspectors to accompany municipal officers and their agents
13 on inspection trips; granting powers to public officers and
14 affected property owners to enforce the act; requiring
15 grantors to certify as to whether any structures on the lands
16 conveyed are entitled to support from the underlying coal and
17 grantees to sign an admission of a warning of the possible
18 lack of any such right of support; providing for acquisition
19 with compensation of coal support for existing structures not
20 protected by this act, and future structures; and imposing
21 liability for violation of the act," providing for the
22 support of public roads or highways.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. Section 4, act of April 27, 1966 (P.L.31, No.1),
26 known as "The Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation
27 Act of 1966," is amended by adding a clause to read:

1 Section 4. In order to guard the health, safety and general
2 welfare of the public, no owner, operator, lessor, lessee, or
3 general manager, superintendent or other person in charge of or
4 having supervision over any bituminous coal mine shall mine
5 bituminous coal so as to cause damage as a result of the caving-
6 in, collapse or subsidence of the following surface structures
7 in place on the effective date of this act, overlying or in the
8 proximity of the mine:

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10 (4) Any public road or highway.