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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MINES AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT,  
FEBRUARY 4, 1987

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AN ACT

1 Requiring State heating systems to be fueled by coal.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Definitions.

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

8 "Coal." Coal produced from mines in Pennsylvania or any  
9 mixture or synthetic derived, in whole or in part, from coal  
10 produced from mines in Pennsylvania.

11 "Mixture derived, in whole or in part, from coal." Includes,  
12 but is not limited to, both the intermittent and the  
13 simultaneous burning of natural gas with coal or a coal  
14 derivative if the intermittent or simultaneous burning of  
15 natural gas would:

1           (1) lower the cost of using coal or a coal derivative  
2       produced from mines in Pennsylvania; or

3           (2) enable coal or a coal derivative produced from mines  
4       in Pennsylvania to be burned in compliance with present and  
5       reasonably anticipated environmental laws and regulations.

6       Section 2. State heating systems to be fueled by coal.

7       Any heating system or heating unit installed in a facility  
8       owned by the State or by a State-related university on or after  
9       the effective date of this act shall be fueled by coal.

10      Section 3. Exceptions.

11      Any heating system or heating unit shall be exempt from the  
12      requirement of section 2 if the Secretary of General Services  
13      determines that:

14           (1) using coal as the fuel for that heating system or  
15       heating unit would violate existing or reasonably anticipated  
16       environmental laws or regulations;

17           (2) using coal as the fuel for that heating system or  
18       heating unit would not be cost effective when compared to  
19       using other forms of energy; or

20           (3) that heating system or heating unit would be part of  
21       a cogeneration system which would use natural gas and which  
22       was in or beyond the design stage prior to the effective date  
23       of this act.

24      Section 4. Reports to the General Assembly.

25      The Secretary of General Services shall report to the House  
26      Committee on Mines and Energy Management and the Senate  
27      Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy the basis for  
28      any determination that a heating system or heating unit shall be  
29      exempt from the requirement of section 2.

30      Section 5. Effective date.

1        This act shall take effect in 60 days.