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BELARDI, MARCH 22, 1993

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 12, 1994

AN ACT

1 Prohibiting mining in areas with active mine fires.

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

4 SECTION 1. POWERS AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL <—
5 RESOURCES.

6 THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES SHALL PROMULGATE
7 REGULATIONS AND ESTABLISH A PERMITTING PROCESS FOR UNDERGROUND
8 COAL MINING ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY RENDER AN ACTIVE UNDERGROUND
9 MINE FIRE INACTIVE OR IMPROVE THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF PERSONS
10 WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE UNDERGROUND MINE FIRE.

11 Section 4 2. Active mine fires; mining prohibited. <—

12 ~~NO~~ EXCEPT WHERE PERMITTED BY SECTION 1, NO mining shall be <—
13 performed, nor shall the Secretary of Environmental Resources
14 approve applications for mining activities, within ~~or upon~~ <—
15 ~~property, or areas contingent to~~ 1,500 FEET OF property, <—
16 ~~designated by the secretary~~ IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF <—

1 ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES as areas with active mine fires.

2 Section 2 3. Effective date.

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3 This act shall take effect immediately.