

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, SEPTEMBER 29,
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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 19, 1984 (P.L.1140, No.223),
2 entitled "An act relating to the development of oil and gas
3 and coal; imposing duties and powers on the Department of
4 Environmental Resources; imposing notification requirements
5 to protect landowners; and providing for definitions, for
6 various requirements to regulate the drilling and operation
7 of oil and gas wells, for gas storage reservoirs, for various
8 reporting requirements, including certain requirements
9 concerning the operation of coal mines, for well permits, for
10 well registration, for distance requirements, for well casing
11 requirements, for safety device requirements, for storage
12 reservoir obligations, for well bonding requirements, for a
13 Well Plugging Restricted Revenue Account to enforce oil and
14 gas well plugging requirements, for the creation of an Oil
15 and Gas Technical Advisory Board, for oil and gas well
16 inspections, for enforcement and for penalties," further
17 providing for certain well requirements.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
19 hereby enacts as follows:

20 Section 1. Section 207(b) of the act of December 19, 1984
21 (P.L.1140, No.223), known as the Oil and Gas Act, is amended to
22 read:

23 Section 207. Protection of fresh groundwater; casing
24 requirements.

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2 (b) To prevent the migration of gas or fluids into sources
3 of fresh groundwater and to prevent pollution or diminution of
4 fresh groundwaters, there shall be run and permanently cemented
5 a string or strings of casing in each well drilled through the
6 fresh water bearing strata to a depth and in a manner prescribed
7 by regulation by the department. The well operator shall provide
8 the department with a cement quality log or other department-
9 approved method to evaluate the adequacy of the cement to meet
10 the prescribed regulation prior to drilling ahead.

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12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.