

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2556 Session of 2012

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, JULY 17, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for protection of water supplies.

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

5 Section 1. Section 3218(b.1) of Title 58 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes, added February 14, 2012 (P.L.87, No.13),
7 is amended to read:

8 § 3218. Protection of water supplies.

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10 (b.1) [(Reserved).] Survey.--Upon a written request by any
11 landowner residing within 5,500 square feet but farther than
12 2,500 feet of a proposed gas well using hydraulic fracturing,
13 the well permit applicant shall conduct a predrilling or
14 prealteration survey, using a facility or laboratory certified
15 by the department, and send a copy of the survey by certified
16 mail to the requester. A predrilling or prealteration survey

1 shall provide at a minimum the testing results for chemicals or
2 chemical compounds known to be commonly used for hydraulic
3 fracturing, including all major cations and anions, arsenic,
4 benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes, manganese, dissolved
5 methane, total dissolved solids, chlorides, nutrients and
6 radionuclides.

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