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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MINES AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT,
FEBRUARY 5, 1985

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 17, 1961 (P.L.659, No.339), entitled
2 "An act relating to bituminous coal mines; amending,
3 revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating
4 thereto; providing for the health and safety of persons
5 employed in and about the bituminous coal mines of
6 Pennsylvania and for the protection and preservation of
7 property connected therewith; prescribing powers and duties
8 in connection therewith; prescribing penalties; and repealing
9 existing laws," removing a provision relating to steam
10 locomotives; and prohibiting the use of internal combustion
11 engines in underground coal mines.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 269(b) of the act of July 17, 1961
15 (P.L.659, No.339), known as the Pennsylvania Bituminous Coal
16 Mine Act, is repealed.

17 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

18 Section 286.1. Internal Combustion Engines Prohibited.--The
19 use of an internal combustion engine shall not be permitted in
20 any underground coal mine, except that any internal combustion
21 engine which has met with the approval of the secretary for use

1 in an underground coal mine prior to the effective date of this
2 act may, subject to at least twice per year inspections,
3 continue in operation until the useful life of such engine shall
4 expire.

5 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.