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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An
2 act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying
3 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing
4 taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment,
5 collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing
6 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and
7 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain
8 employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations
9 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and
10 penalties," providing for natural gas drilling tax
11 investment.

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

14 Section 1. The act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as
15 the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by adding an article to
16 read:

17 ARTICLE XI-E

18 NATURAL GAS DRILLING TAX INVESTMENT

19 PART I

20 NATURAL GAS DRILLING TAX

21 Section 1101-E. Definitions.

1 The following words and phrases when used in this article
2 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
3 context clearly indicates otherwise:

4 "Account." The Natural Gas Drilling Tax Restricted Account.

5 "Association." A partnership, limited partnership or any
6 other form of unincorporated enterprise owned or conducted by
7 two or more persons.

8 "Barrel." Forty-two United States gallons at an atmospheric
9 pressure of 231 cubic inches of liquid at a standard temperature
10 of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

11 "Corporation." A corporation, joint stock association,
12 limited liability company, business trust or any other
13 incorporated enterprise organized under the laws of the United
14 States, this Commonwealth or any other state, territory or
15 foreign country or dependency.

16 "Department." The Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth.

17 "Dry natural gas." Hydrocarbon gases, consisting mostly of
18 methane, that remain after the natural gas liquid portion of the
19 natural gas stream has been removed and any volume of
20 nonhydrocarbon gases have been removed in sufficient quantity to
21 render the gas marketable. The term includes consumer-grade
22 natural gas or pipeline-quality natural gas.

23 "Gross proceeds." The value, whether in money or other
24 property, actually proceeding from the sale of property, without
25 a deduction for the cost of property sold or expenses of any
26 kind.

27 "Gross value." The gross proceeds received or receivable for
28 property transferred, except as follows:

29 (1) In a transaction involving related parties, gross
30 proceeds of the property transferred may not be less than the

1 fair market value of similar grade and quality property.

2 (2) In the absence of a sale, gross proceeds of the
3 property transferred may not be less than the fair market
4 value of similar grade and quality property.

5 (3) In a transaction where property is transferred for
6 the purpose of processing and resale, gross proceeds of the
7 property transferred may not be less than the fair market
8 value of similar grade and quality property.

9 (4) Under no circumstance shall the gross proceeds be
10 less than \$20.00 per barrel or \$2.97 per unit.

11 "Meter." A device to measure the passage of volumes of gases
12 or liquids past a certain point.

13 "Natural gas." A fossil fuel consisting of a mixture of
14 hydrocarbon gases, including methane, ethane, propane, butane,
15 carbon dioxide, oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen sulfide and other
16 gas species. The term includes natural gas from oil fields known
17 as associated gas or casing head gas, natural gas fields known
18 as nonassociated gas, coal beds, shale beds and other
19 formations.

20 "Natural gas liquids." Hydrocarbons including ethane,
21 propane, butane, isobutane and pentane that are separated from
22 natural gas as liquids through the process of absorption,
23 condensation, adsorption, cooling in gas separators or other
24 methods in gas processing of cycling plants.

25 "Person." Includes a corporation, partnership, limited
26 liability company, business trust, other association, a
27 government entity other than the Commonwealth, estate, trust,
28 foundation or natural person.

29 "Producer." A person who engages or continues within this
30 Commonwealth in the business of severing natural gas for sale,

1 profit or commercial use.

2 "Producing site." A point of severance, including a well and
3 its associated zones and multilateral well bores, that is
4 capable of producing natural gas from an unconventional
5 formation.

6 "Related parties." Two or more people, organizations or
7 businesses owned or controlled directly or indirectly by the
8 same interests. Control exists if a contract or lease, either
9 written or oral, is entered into where one party severs or
10 processes natural gas owned or held by another party and the
11 owner or lessor participates in the severing, processing or
12 marketing of the natural gas or receives any value other than an
13 arm's-length passive royalty interest.

14 "Reporting period." A calendar month in which natural gas is
15 severed.

16 "Sales meter." A meter at the point where natural gas is
17 sold or transported to a purchaser or the market.

18 "Sever." The extraction or other removal of natural gas from
19 an unconventional formation in this Commonwealth.

20 "Storage field." A natural formation or other site that is
21 used to store natural gas that did not originate from and has
22 been transplanted into such formation or site.

23 "Stripper well." A producing site that produced an average
24 of less than 50 units of natural gas per day during the calendar
25 year immediately preceding a reporting period.

26 "Tax." The tax imposed under this article.

27 "Taxpayer." A person subject to the tax imposed by this
28 article.

29 "Unconventional formation." A geological shale formation
30 existing below the base of the Elk Sandstone or its geologic

1 equivalent stratigraphic interval where natural gas generally
2 cannot be produced at economic flow rates or in economic volumes
3 except by vertical or horizontal well bores stimulated by
4 hydraulic fracture treatments or using multilateral well bores
5 or other techniques to expose more of the formation to the well
6 bore.

7 "Unit." A thousand cubic feet (Mcf) of natural gas at a
8 temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit and an absolute pressure of
9 14.73 pounds per square inch, in accordance with American Gas
10 Association (AGA) standards and according to Boyle's law for the
11 measurement of gas under varying pressures with deviations
12 therefrom as follows:

13 (1) The average absolute atmospheric pressure shall be
14 assumed to be 14.4 pounds to the square inch, regardless of
15 actual elevation or location of point of delivery above sea
16 level or variations in such atmospheric pressure from time to
17 time.

18 (2) The temperature of the gas passing the meters shall
19 be determined by the continuous use of a recording
20 thermometer installed so that the thermometer may properly
21 record the temperature of the gas flowing through the meters.
22 The arithmetic average of the temperature recorded each 24-
23 hour day shall be used in computing gas volumes. If a
24 recording thermometer is not installed, or if installed and
25 not operating properly, an average flowing temperature of 60
26 degrees Fahrenheit shall be used in computing gas volume.

27 (3) The specific gravity of the gas shall be determined
28 by tests made by the use of an Edwards or Acme gravity
29 balance, annually, or at intervals as are found necessary in
30 practice. Specific gravity shall be used in computing gas

1 volumes.

2 (4) The deviation of the natural gas from Boyle's law
3 shall be determined by tests annually or at other shorter
4 intervals as are found necessary in practice. The apparatus
5 and the method to be used in making the tests shall be in
6 accordance with recommendations of the Natural Bureau of
7 Standards of the Department of Commerce, or Report No. 3 of
8 the Gas Measurement Committee of the American Gas
9 Association, or any amendments thereof. The results of the
10 tests shall be used in computing the volume of gas delivered.
11 "Wellhead meter." A meter placed at a producing site to
12 measure the actual volume of natural gas severed.

13 Section 1102-E. Imposition of tax.

14 (a) Imposition.--There is hereby levied a privilege tax on
15 every producer.

16 (b) Rate.--The tax imposed under subsection (a) shall be the
17 following:

18 (1) Four and nine-tenths percent of the gross value of
19 the dry natural gas derived from the natural gas severed as
20 shown by the gross proceeds derived from the sale by the
21 producer.

22 (2) Four and nine-tenths percent of the gross value of
23 the natural gas liquids derived from the natural gas severed
24 as shown by the gross proceeds derived from the sale by the
25 producer.

26 (c) Exemptions.--The tax imposed under subsection (a) shall
27 not be imposed upon the following:

28 (1) Natural gas, dry natural gas or natural gas liquids
29 severed under a natural gas lease and provided to a lessor
30 for no consideration.

1 (2) Natural gas, dry natural gas or natural gas liquids
2 severed from a stripper well.

3 (3) Natural gas, dry natural gas or natural gas liquids
4 severed from a storage field.

5 Section 1103-E. Calculation and publication of average market
6 price.

7 The department shall calculate the average market price per
8 unit of natural gas for each calendar quarter. The average
9 market price shall be the weighted average price per unit for
10 all major Commonwealth distribution hubs on the interstate
11 natural gas pipeline system for the three months prior to the
12 calendar quarter. The department shall publish a notice of the
13 average market price for each calendar quarter in the
14 Pennsylvania Bulletin not later than within 30 days of the
15 beginning of each calendar quarter.

16 Section 1104-E. Prohibition.

17 A producer may not make the tax imposed under section 1102-E
18 on natural gas severed under a natural gas lease, an obligation,
19 indebtedness or liability of a landowner, leaseholder or other
20 person in possession of real property upon which the removal or
21 extraction occurs.

22 Section 1104.1-E. Existing agreements.

23 A provision of an agreement, which is in existence prior to
24 the effective date of this section, which violates section 1104-
25 E is declared to be illegal, contrary to public policy and null
26 and void.

27 Section 1104.2-E. Future agreements.

28 On or after the effective date of this section, a provision
29 of an agreement in violation of section 1104-E is declared to be
30 illegal, contrary to public policy and null and void.

1 Section 1105-E. Return and payment.

2 (a) Return.--Each producer is required to file a return with
3 the department, on a form to be prescribed by the department,
4 reporting all severed natural gas per reporting period and the
5 tax due as imposed under section 1102-E.

6 (b) Filing.--The return required by subsection (a) must be
7 filed with the department on or before the 20th day of the
8 fourth calendar month after a reporting period.

9 (c) Due date.--The tax imposed under section 1102-E is due
10 on the day the return is required to be filed and becomes
11 delinquent if not remitted to the department by that date.

12 Section 1106-E. Natural gas severance tax licensing.

13 (a) License required.--Each producer subject to tax under
14 this part must apply to the department for a severance tax
15 license before severing natural gas from this Commonwealth.
16 Producers who have been severing natural gas from this
17 Commonwealth prior to the effective date of this part must
18 obtain a license from the department within six months from the
19 effective date of this part. All other producers must obtain a
20 license before severing natural gas from this Commonwealth. A
21 producer is liable for the tax imposed by this article without
22 regard to whether the producer obtains or is required to obtain
23 a license.

24 (b) Fee.--The department may charge an application fee to
25 cover the administrative costs associated with the application
26 and licensing process. If the department charges an application
27 fee, the department may not issue a license until the producer
28 has paid the application fee.

29 (c) Declaration.--As part of the application for a license,
30 the producer is required to provide a declaration of all sites

1 in this Commonwealth used for the severance of natural gas. The
2 declaration is to include all producing sites and sites which
3 are stripper wells. The producer is required to update the
4 declaration when the producer adds or removes a producing site
5 in this Commonwealth or when there is a change in the status of
6 a producing site. The producer shall update the declaration
7 within 30 days after any calendar month in which a change to the
8 declaration occurs.

9 (d) Department duties.--The department shall, after the
10 receipt of an application, issue the license applied for under
11 subsection (a), if the applicant filed all required State tax
12 reports and paid any State taxes not subject to a timely
13 perfected administrative or judicial appeal or subject to a duly
14 authorized deferred payment plan. The license shall be
15 nonassignable. Each producer shall be required to renew the
16 license on a staggered renewal system established by the
17 department. After the initial staggered period, a license issued
18 shall be valid for a period of five years.

19 (e) State taxes.--If an applicant for a license or a person
20 holding a license has not filed all required State tax reports
21 and paid any State taxes not subject to a timely perfected
22 administrative or judicial appeal or subject to a duly
23 authorized deferred payment plan, the department may refuse to
24 issue, suspend or revoke the license. The department shall
25 notify the applicant or registrant of a refusal, suspension or
26 revocation. The notice shall contain a statement that the
27 refusal, suspension or revocation may be made public. The notice
28 shall be made by first class mail. An applicant or registrant
29 aggrieved by the determination of the department may file an
30 appeal of the determination in the same manner as provided for

1 reassessments of tax under section 1108-E of this article. In
2 the case of a suspension or revocation which is appealed, the
3 license shall remain valid pending a final outcome of the
4 appeal. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
5 contrary, if no appeal is taken or if an appeal is taken and
6 denied at the conclusion of the appeal process, the department
7 may disclose, by publication or otherwise, the identity of a
8 person and evidence that the person's license has been refused,
9 suspended or revoked under this subsection. Disclosure may
10 include the basis for refusal, suspension or revocation.

11 (f) Severing without a license.--A person that severs
12 natural gas in this Commonwealth without holding a valid license
13 under this section shall be guilty of a summary offense and,
14 upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less
15 than \$300 nor more than \$1,500 and, in default thereof, to
16 undergo imprisonment of not less than five days nor more than 30
17 days. The penalties imposed by this subsection shall be in
18 addition to any other penalties imposed by this article. For
19 purposes of this subsection, the severing of natural gas during
20 any calendar day shall constitute a separate violation. The
21 Secretary of Revenue may designate employees of the department
22 to enforce the provisions of this subsection. The employees
23 shall exhibit proof of and be within the scope of the
24 designation when instituting proceedings as provided by the
25 Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure.

26 (g) Liability.--Failure to obtain a license does not relieve
27 a person from liability for the tax imposed by this part.

28 (h) Civil penalty.--In addition to any tax, interest or
29 other penalty due under this act, the department shall impose a
30 civil penalty of 10¢ per unit severed during the period a

1 producer is required to and does not have a license. The penalty
2 shall be assessed and collected under this part.

3 Section 1107-E. Meters.

4 A producer shall provide for and maintain discrete wellhead
5 and sales meters. A producer shall ensure that all meters are
6 maintained according to industry standards.

7 Section 1108-E. Administration of tax.

8 Unless otherwise noted to the contrary, Article II, Part VI,
9 Chapters IV-VIII shall apply to this act.

10 Section 1109-E. Records.

11 The records to be maintained include:

12 (1) Wellhead and sales meter charts for each reporting
13 period and the meter calibration and maintenance records. If
14 turbine meters are in use, the maintenance records will be
15 made available to the department upon request.

16 (2) All records, statements, and other instruments
17 furnished to a producer by any person to whom the producer
18 delivers for sale, transport or other delivery of any natural
19 gas.

20 (3) Records, statements and other instruments as the
21 department may prescribe by regulation.

22 PART II

23 IMPACT FEE

24 Section 1121-E. Definitions.

25 The following words and phrases when used in this part shall
26 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
27 context clearly indicates otherwise:

28 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

29 "Department." The Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth.

30 "Fund." The Unconventional Gas Well Fund.

1 "Highway mileage." The number of miles of public roads and
2 streets most recently certified by the Department of
3 Transportation as eligible for distribution of liquid fuels
4 funds under the act of June 1, 1956 (1955 P.L.1944, No.655),
5 referred to as the Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law.

6 "Municipality." A borough, city, town or township.

7 "Number of spud unconventional gas wells." The most recent
8 numerical count of spud unconventional gas wells on the
9 inventory maintained and provided to the commission by the
10 Department of Environmental Protection as of the last day of
11 each month.

12 "Population." As follows:

13 (1) Population of this Commonwealth and population of a
14 county shall be determined using the United States Census
15 Bureau's most recently released Annual Estimates of the
16 Resident Population for Counties of Pennsylvania.

17 (2) Population of a municipality shall be determined
18 using the United States Census Bureau's most recently
19 released Annual Estimates for the Resident Population for
20 Incorporated Places in Pennsylvania.

21 (3) Population of municipalities not included in the
22 report referenced under paragraph (2) shall be determined
23 using the United States Census Bureau's most recently
24 released Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for
25 Minor Civil Divisions in Pennsylvania.

26 "Spud." The actual start of drilling an unconventional gas
27 well.

28 "Unconventional gas well." A bore hole drilled or being
29 drilled for the purpose of or to be used for the production of
30 natural gas from an unconventional formation.

1 Section 1122-E. Powers of commission.

2 The commission may make inquiries and determinations
3 necessary to make distributions under this part.

4 Section 1123-E. Well information.

5 (a) List of wells.--The Department of Environmental
6 Protection shall provide the commission and, upon request, a
7 county with a list of all spud unconventional gas wells for
8 which the department has issued permits. The Department of
9 Environmental Protection shall update the list and provide it to
10 the commission on a monthly basis.

11 (b) Notification to commission.--A producer shall notify the
12 commission of the following within 30 days after a calendar
13 month in which the change occurs:

14 (1) The spudding of an unconventional gas well.

15 (2) The initiation of production at an unconventional
16 gas well.

17 (3) The removal of an unconventional gas well from
18 production.

19 (c) Notification to department.--The commission shall notify
20 the department each month of the information collected under
21 subsection (b).

22 Section 1124-E. Unconventional Gas Well Fund.

23 The Unconventional Gas Well Fund established in the State
24 Treasury by 58 Pa.C.S. § 2314 (relating to distribution of fee)
25 shall continue and shall be administered by the commission.

26 Section 1125-E. Appropriation and distribution to conservation
27 districts and State agencies.

28 (a) Transfer.--From revenue collected under this article for
29 each calendar year, the department shall transfer to the fund,
30 to the extent available, the following amounts which are

1 appropriated and shall be distributed by the commission in the
2 following order of priority:

3 (1) To county conservation districts, \$8,000,000 as
4 follows:

5 (i) The amount of \$4,000,000 shall be distributed by
6 dividing the amount equally among conservation districts
7 for uses consistent with the act of May 15, 1945
8 (P.L.547, No.217), known as the Conservation District
9 Law.

10 (ii) The amount of \$4,000,000 shall be distributed
11 by the State Conservation Commission in a manner
12 consistent with the Conservation District Law and the
13 provisions of 25 Pa. Code Ch. 83 Subch. B (relating to
14 Conservation District Fund Allocation Program-Statement
15 of Policy).

16 (2) To the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission,
17 \$1,200,000 for costs relating to the review of applications
18 for permits to drill unconventional gas wells.

19 (3) To the Department of Environmental Protection,
20 \$6,200,000 for the administration of this article and the
21 enforcement of acts relating to clean air and clean water.

22 (4) To the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency,
23 \$950,000 for emergency response planning, training and
24 coordination related to natural gas production from
25 unconventional gas wells.

26 (5) To the Office of the State Fire Commissioner,
27 \$950,000 for the development, delivery and sustainment of
28 training and grant programs for first responders and the
29 acquisition of specialized equipment for response to
30 emergencies relating to natural gas production from

1 unconventional gas wells.

2 (6) To the Department of Transportation, \$2,000,000 for
3 rail freight assistance.

4 (7) To the commission, \$1,200,000 for costs associated
5 with implementing this chapter.

6 (b) Report.--An agency or organization that receives money
7 under this section shall, by October 31, 2016, and October 31 of
8 each year thereafter, submit to the Secretary of the Budget and
9 the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the
10 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives a
11 report itemizing and explaining the use of the money.

12 (c) Distribution.--Distribution of funds under this section
13 shall be contingent on availability of funds. If sufficient
14 funds are not available, the commission shall disburse funds on
15 a pro rata basis.

16 Section 1126-E. Appropriation and distribution to counties and
17 municipalities.

18 (a) Transfer.--Beginning June 30, 2017, after the transfer
19 of the amount under section 1125-E from revenue collected under
20 this article for each calendar year, the department shall
21 transfer to the fund, to the extent available and before any
22 other funds from the tax are expended in any fiscal year, the
23 funds necessary to satisfy the annual obligations of the
24 Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fund for counties and
25 municipalities for purposes authorized under subsection (d).
26 Counties and municipalities, where appropriate, may jointly fund
27 projects that cross jurisdictional lines. The commission shall
28 distribute the funds appropriated in this subsection as follows
29 by July 1, 2016, and each July 1 thereafter:

30 (1) Thirty-six percent shall be distributed to counties

1 in which a spud unconventional gas well is located. The
2 amount distributed to each county shall be determined under
3 the following formula:

4 (i) Divide:

5 (A) the number of spud unconventional gas wells
6 in the county; by

7 (B) the number of spud unconventional gas wells
8 in this Commonwealth.

9 (ii) Multiply:

10 (A) the quotient under subparagraph (i); by

11 (B) the amount available for distribution under
12 paragraph (3).

13 (2) Thirty-seven percent shall be distributed to
14 municipalities in which a spud unconventional gas well is
15 located. The amount distributed to each municipality shall be
16 determined under the following formula:

17 (i) Divide:

18 (A) the number of spud unconventional gas wells
19 in the municipality; by

20 (B) the number of spud unconventional gas wells
21 in this Commonwealth.

22 (ii) Multiply:

23 (A) the quotient under subparagraph (i) by

24 (B) the amount available for distribution under
25 this paragraph.

26 (3) Twenty-seven percent shall be distributed to
27 municipalities located in a county in which a spud
28 unconventional gas well is located. The amount distributed to
29 each municipality shall be made as follows:

30 (i) Divide:

1 (A) the number of spud unconventional gas wells
2 in the county; by

3 (B) the number of spud unconventional gas wells
4 in this Commonwealth.

5 (ii) Multiply:

6 (A) the quotient under subparagraph (i); by

7 (B) the amount available for distribution under
8 this paragraph.

9 (iii) Fifty percent of the product under
10 subparagraph (ii) shall be distributed to each
11 municipality in which a spud unconventional gas well is
12 located, that is contiguous with a municipality in which
13 a spud unconventional gas well is located or that is
14 located within five linear miles of a spud unconventional
15 gas well. The distribution shall be made as follows:

16 (A) Fifty percent of the amount available under
17 this subparagraph to each municipality under the
18 following formula:

19 (I) Divide:

20 (a) the population of the eligible
21 municipality within the county; by

22 (b) the total population of the eligible
23 municipalities within the county.

24 (II) Multiply:

25 (a) the quotient under subclause (I); by

26 (b) the amount allocated to the county
27 under this subparagraph.

28 (B) Fifty percent of the amount available under
29 this subparagraph shall be distributed to each
30 municipality under the following formula:

1 (I) Divide:

2 (a) the highway mileage of the eligible
3 municipality within the county; by

4 (b) the total highway mileage of the
5 eligible municipalities with the county.

6 (II) Multiply:

7 (a) the quotient under subclause (I); by

8 (b) the amount allocated to the county
9 under this subparagraph.

10 (iv) Fifty percent of the product under subparagraph
11 (ii) shall be distributed to each municipality in the
12 county regardless of whether an unconventional gas well
13 is located in the municipality. The distribution shall be
14 made as follows:

15 (A) Fifty percent of the amount available under
16 this subparagraph shall be distributed to each
17 municipality under the following formula:

18 (I) Divide:

19 (a) the population of the municipality
20 within the county; by

21 (b) the total population of the county.

22 (II) Multiply:

23 (a) the quotient under subclause (I); by

24 (b) the amount allocated to the county
25 under this paragraph.

26 (B) Fifty percent of the amount available under
27 this subparagraph shall be distributed to each
28 municipality under the following formula:

29 (I) Divide:

30 (a) the highway mileage of the

1 municipality within the county; by

2 (b) the total highway mileage of the
3 county.

4 (II) Multiply:

5 (a) the quotient under subclause (I); by

6 (b) the amount allocated to the county
7 under this subparagraph.

8 (b) Restriction.--The following shall apply:

9 (1) The amount allocated to each municipality under
10 subsection (a) may not exceed the greater of \$500,000 or 50%
11 of the total budget for the prior fiscal year beginning with
12 the 2010 budget year and continuing every year thereafter,
13 adjusted to reflect any upward changes in the Consumer Price
14 Index for All Urban Consumers for the Pennsylvania, New
15 Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area in the preceding 12
16 months. The remaining money after allocation under subsection
17 (a) shall be retained by the commission and transferred to
18 the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

19 (2) The remaining funds under paragraph (1) shall be
20 used for grants to schools, hospitals and small businesses to
21 obtain access to natural gas:

22 (i) The Commonwealth Financing Authority shall give
23 priority to applications that will result in adjoining
24 residential and nonresidential properties obtaining
25 natural gas.

26 (ii) Grants may provide for up to 50% of the cost of
27 the project.

28 (c) Use of funds.--A county or municipality receiving funds
29 under subsection (a) shall use the funds received only for the
30 following purposes associated with natural gas production from

1 unconventional gas wells within the county or municipality and
2 in a manner consistent with the provisions of 58 Pa.C.S. Ch. 33
3 (relating to local ordinances relating to oil and gas
4 operations):

5 (1) Construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair
6 of roadways, bridges and public infrastructure.

7 (2) Water, storm water and sewer systems including
8 construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair.

9 (3) Emergency preparedness and public safety, including
10 law enforcement and fire services, hazardous material
11 response, 911 service operations, equipment acquisition and
12 other services.

13 (4) Environmental programs, including trails, parks and
14 recreation, open space, flood plain management, conservation
15 districts and agricultural preservation.

16 (5) Preservation and reclamation of surface and
17 subsurface waters and water supplies.

18 (6) Tax reductions, including homestead exclusions.

19 (7) Projects to increase the availability of safe and
20 affordable housing to residents.

21 (8) Records management systems and personnel in the
22 office of recorder of deeds, geographic information systems
23 and information technology.

24 (9) The delivery of social services.

25 (10) Judicial services.

26 (11) For deposit into the county or municipality's
27 capital reserve fund if the funds are used solely for a
28 purpose under this subsection.

29 (12) Career and technical centers for training of
30 workers in the oil and gas industry.

1 (13) Local or regional planning initiatives under the
2 act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the
3 Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

4 (14) Grants to residential property owners, schools,
5 hospitals and small businesses to obtain access to natural
6 gas.

7 (d) Prohibition.--Funds distributed under subsection (a) may
8 not be used for the purpose of litigation.

9 (e) Availability of funds.--Distribution of funds under this
10 section shall be contingent on availability of funds. If
11 sufficient funds are not available, the commission shall
12 disburse funds on a pro rata basis.

13 Section 1127-E. Housing affordability and rehabilitation
14 enhancement fund.

15 (a) Transfer to Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation
16 Fund.--After the transfer of the amount under section 1125-E and
17 section 1126-E, from revenue collected under this article for
18 each calendar year, the department shall transfer \$9,647,000 to
19 the Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund.

20 (b) Purposes.--Funds under subsection (a) shall be used for
21 the following purposes:

22 (1) To provide support to projects in a county in which
23 producing unconventional gas wells are located that increase
24 availability of quality, safe, affordable housing for low-
25 income and moderate-income individuals or families, persons
26 with disabilities or elderly persons.

27 (2) To provide rental assistance in a county in which
28 producing unconventional gas wells are located to persons or
29 families whose household income does not exceed the area
30 median income.

1 (c) Amount.--No less than 50% of the funds available under
2 this section may be used in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth
3 class counties.

4 Section 1128-E. Projects of Statewide significance.

5 (a) Distribution.--After the transfer of the amount under
6 sections 1125-E, 1126-E and 1127-E from revenue collected under
7 this article for each calendar year, the department shall
8 transfer, to the extent available, \$82,101,000 to the fund,
9 which amount is appropriated and shall be distributed by the
10 commission by July 1, as follows:

11 (1) To the Commonwealth Financing Authority, \$16,500,000
12 for grants to eligible applicants for the following:

13 (i) Acid mines, including damage, abatement and
14 cleanup and mine reclamation, with priority given to
15 projects that recycle and treat water for use in drilling
16 operations.

17 (ii) Orphan or abandoned oil and gas well plugging.

18 (iii) Complying with the act of January 24, 1966
19 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage
20 Facilities Act.

21 (iv) Planning acquisition, development,
22 rehabilitation and repair of green ways, recreational
23 trails, open space, parks and beautification projects.

24 (v) Programs to establish baseline water quality
25 data on private water supplies.

26 (vi) Watershed programs and related projects.

27 (vii) Flood control projects. Up to 25% of the funds
28 distributed to the Commonwealth Financing Authority under
29 this paragraph may be utilized for projects under this
30 subparagraph.

1 (2) To the Environmental Stewardship Fund, \$8,210,080.

2 (3) To the Highway Bridge Improvement Restricted Account
3 within the Motor License Fund, \$20,525,200 to counties to be
4 distributed to fund the cost of the replacement or repair of
5 locally owned at-risk deteriorated bridges. Funds shall be
6 distributed to counties proportionately based on the
7 population of the county as follows:

8 (i) In each county, the distribution shall be
9 according to the following formula:

10 (A) Divide:

11 (I) the total population of the county; by

12 (II) the total population of this

13 Commonwealth;

14 (B) express the quotient under clause (A) as a
15 percentage.

16 (C) Multiply:

17 (I) the percentage under clause (B); by

18 (II) the amount of money to be distributed
19 under this paragraph.

20 (ii) Each county shall receive a minimum of \$40,000,
21 to the extent funds are available.

22 (iii) The Department of Transportation shall release
23 money under this paragraph upon approval of a plan
24 submitted by a county or municipality to repair an at-
25 risk deteriorated bridge. The plan must include funding
26 for replacement or repair.

27 (iv) A county of the first or second class may
28 submit a plan to use the county's funds under this
29 paragraph for at-risk deteriorated bridges owned by a
30 public transportation authority.

1 (4) For water and sewer projects, \$22,000,000. The
2 following shall apply:

3 (i) Fifty percent of the amount distributed under
4 this paragraph shall be transferred to the Pennsylvania
5 Infrastructure Investment Authority to be used in
6 accordance with the act of March 1, 1988 (P.L.82, No.16),
7 known as the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment
8 Authority Act.

9 (ii) Fifty percent of the amount distributed under
10 this paragraph shall be transferred to the H2O PA program
11 to be used by the Commonwealth Financing Authority in
12 accordance with section 301 of the act of July 9, 2008
13 (P.L.908, No.63), known as the H2O PA Act. The
14 prohibition on grants for projects located in a city or
15 county of the first or second class under section 301 of
16 the H2O PA Act shall not apply to funds distributed to
17 the H2O PA program under this subparagraph.

18 (5) For the planning, acquisition, development,
19 rehabilitation and repair of green ways, recreational trails,
20 open space, natural areas, community conservation and
21 beautification projects, community and heritage parks and
22 water resource management, \$12,500,000. Funds may be used to
23 acquire lands for recreational or conservation purposes and
24 land damaged or prone to drainage by storms or flooding.
25 Funds shall be distributed to counties proportionately based
26 on the population of the county as follows:

27 (i) In each county, the distribution shall be
28 according to the following formula:

29 (A) Divide:

30 (I) the total population of the county; by

1 (II) the total population of this
2 Commonwealth.

3 (B) Express the quotient under clause (A) as a
4 percentage.

5 (C) Multiply:

6 (I) the percentage under clause (B); by

7 (II) the amount of funds available under
8 this paragraph.

9 (ii) Each county shall receive a minimum of \$25,000
10 to the extent funds are available.

11 (b) Availability of funds.--Distribution of funds under this
12 section shall be contingent on availability of funds. If
13 sufficient funds are not available, the commission shall
14 disburse funds on a pro rata basis.

15 (c) Restriction on use of proceeds.--

16 (1) Funds distributed under subsection (a) may not be
17 used for the purpose of public relations, outreach not
18 directly related to project implementation, communications,
19 lobbying or litigation.

20 (2) Funds distributed under subsection (a) may not be
21 used by an authorized organization as defined in 27 Pa.C.S. §
22 6103 (relating to definitions) for land acquisition unless
23 the authorized organization has obtained the written consent
24 of the county and municipality in which the land is situated.

25 (d) Coordination.--The Department of Environmental
26 Protection and the Department of Conservation and Natural
27 Resources shall review each application for funding as requested
28 by the Commonwealth Financing Authority and provide
29 recommendations on priority of projects and project approval.

30 (e) Remaining funds.--Any funds remaining after the

1 transfers under this section shall be transferred to the
2 Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund.

3 Section 1129-E. Purposes of Statewide importance.

4 (a) Transfer.--After the transfer of the amounts under
5 sections 1125-E, 1126-E, 1127-E and 1128-E from revenue
6 collected under this article for each calendar year, the
7 department shall transfer all remaining money to the Natural Gas
8 Drilling Tax Restricted Account established in subsection (b).

9 (b) Account.--There is established the Natural Gas Drilling
10 Tax Restricted Account in the General Fund.

11 (c) Distribution.--Funds in the account shall be distributed
12 as follows:

13 (1) Thirty percent shall be distributed to the
14 Department of Education for basic education funding of school
15 districts, including supplemental payments for certain
16 distressed school districts.

17 (2) Ten percent shall be distributed to the Department
18 of Education for Accountability Block Grants.

19 (3) Seventeen and five-tenths percent shall be
20 distributed to the State Employees' Retirement Fund for the
21 purpose of reducing accrued unfunded liabilities.

22 (4) Seventeen and five-tenths percent shall be
23 distributed to the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund
24 for the purpose of reducing accrued unfunded liabilities.

25 (5) Three and six-tenths percent shall be distributed to
26 the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs for drug and
27 alcohol programs.

28 (6) Three and six-tenths percent shall be distributed to
29 the Department of Human Services for intellectual disability
30 programs.

1 (7) Two and thirty-five one-hundredths percent shall be
2 distributed to the Department of Human Services for
3 behavioral health services.

4 (8) Two and thirty-five one-hundredths percent shall be
5 distributed to the Department of Human Services for the Human
6 Services Development Fund.

7 (9) One and three-tenths percent shall be distributed to
8 the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency for the Homeowners
9 Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program.

10 (10) Nine-tenths of one percent shall be distributed to
11 the Department of Human Services for use for victims of rape
12 and domestic violence in accordance with section 2333 of the
13 act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The
14 Administrative Code of 1929.

15 (11) Nine-tenths of one percent shall be distributed to
16 the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the
17 operation and maintenance of veterans' homes.

18 (12) Three percent shall be distributed to the
19 Environmental Stewardship Fund.

20 (13) Five-tenths of one percent shall be distributed to
21 the Department of Environmental Protection for projects and
22 best management practices that improve local water quality in
23 Pennsylvania's portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed as
24 outlined in Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Watershed
25 Implementation Plan.

26 (14) Two percent shall be distributed to the Department
27 of Environmental Protection, with half of the money going to
28 the well plugging account and half of the money to supplement
29 the operations under Section 1901-A of The Administrative
30 Code of 1929.

1 (15) Three and five-tenths percent shall be distributed
2 to the Department of Environmental Protection for making low-
3 interest loans to support the development of solar energy.

4 (16) One percent shall be distributed to the Keystone
5 Home Energy Efficiency Loan Program in the Treasury
6 Department to support home energy efficiency loans.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016, or
8 immediately, whichever is later.