

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
OCTOBER 14, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1069, No.214),
2 entitled "An act requiring coordination of coal mine and gas
3 well operators; authorizing Department of Environmental
4 Resources enforcement powers; and providing penalties,"
5 further excluding certain gas wells; and providing for
6 definitions.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of December 18, 1984
10 (P.L.1069, No.214), known as the Coal and Gas Resource
11 Coordination Act, is amended by adding subsections to read:
12 Section 3. Applicability; exclusions.

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14 (d) Nothing in this act shall be construed to require that
15 the location of any proposed new gas well or existing gas well
16 to be reopened comply with the minimum space requirements of
17 section 7 of this act if no interested party files objections to
18 such location pursuant to section 202(b) or (c) of the act of
19 December 19, 1984 (P.L.1140, No.223), known as the Oil and Gas

1 Act, or section 12 of this act.

2 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
3 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
4 subsection:

5 "Interested party." An owner of record, operator or lessee
6 who is required to be notified pursuant to section 201(b) of the
7 Oil and Gas Act, of all known workable coal seams, if any,
8 underlying the tract.

9 "Tract." The contiguous surface acreage encompassed by the
10 coal rights pursuant to which the gas well is to be drilled or
11 reopened.

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