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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON MINES AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED APRIL 25, 1983

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## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the  
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and  
20 commissions shall be determined," converting State heating  
21 systems from oil to coal.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known  
25 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a

1 section to read:

2 Section 2402.1. Special Power; State Buildings.--(a)  
3 Department of General Services feasibility study.--The  
4 Department of General Services shall investigate the  
5 technological feasibility and capital cost of converting the  
6 heating systems of facilities owned by the State and by State-  
7 related universities which are fueled by oil or natural gas to  
8 heating systems fueled by coal, a synthetic derived in whole or  
9 in part from coal, or a mixture which includes coal or is  
10 derived in whole or in part from coal; the incremental effect of  
11 conversion on the operating costs of each such heating system;  
12 the useful life of each such heating system, if converted; and  
13 any environmental barriers to conversion and subsequent  
14 operation of each such heating system. The department shall  
15 submit a report of its investigation to the House of  
16 Representatives and the Senate not later than one year after the  
17 effective date of this act.

18 (b) Experimental synthetics.--In carrying out the  
19 investigation required by subsection (a), the department shall  
20 determine which, if any, heating systems, or parts thereof,  
21 could be fueled on an experimental basis by a synthetic derived  
22 in whole or in part from coal or by a mixture which includes  
23 coal or is derived in whole or in part from coal, in order to  
24 perfect the use of such synthetic or mixture and to determine  
25 the technological, financial and environmental feasibility of  
26 converting additional heating systems, or parts thereof, to be  
27 fueled by that synthetic or mixture.

28 (c) State heating systems to be fueled by coal products.--  
29 Any heating systems installed in a facility owned by the State  
30 or by a State-related university on or after the effective date

1 of this act shall be fueled by coal, a synthetic derived in  
2 whole or in part from coal, or a mixture which includes coal or  
3 is derived in whole or in part from coal, except that a heating  
4 system shall be exempt from this subsection if the department  
5 determines that the application of the subsection to that  
6 heating system would violate existing or reasonably anticipated  
7 environmental laws or regulations OR WOULD NOT BE COST  
8 EFFECTIVE.

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9 (d) Utilization of previous studies.--In carrying out the  
10 investigation required by this section, the department shall, to  
11 the maximum extent consistent with obtaining accurate and  
12 current data, utilize all previous investigations of the  
13 feasibility of converting heating systems of facilities owned by  
14 the State and by State-related universities from oil or natural  
15 gas to coal.

16 (e) Funding.--To the maximum extent permitted by Federal  
17 statutes, regulations and adjudications, the activities of the  
18 department pursuant to this section shall be funded out of the  
19 State's share of civil penalties paid by violators of Federal  
20 price regulations on oil and natural gas.

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