

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1401

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE CUTLER

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 11, by inserting after "TAX;"  
2 in general provisions, providing for expiration of well  
3 permits;

4 Amend Bill, page 36, by inserting between lines 11 and 12

5 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:  
6 Section 3003.23. Expiration of well permits.--(a) Well  
7 permits issued for drilling wells under 58 Pa.C.S. Ch. 32  
8 (relating to development) shall expire one year after issuance  
9 unless operations for drilling the well are commenced within the  
10 period and pursued with due diligence or unless the permit is  
11 renewed in accordance with regulations of the department. If  
12 drilling is commenced during the one-year period, the well  
13 permit shall remain in force until the well is plugged in  
14 accordance with 58 Pa.C.S. § 3220 (relating to plugging  
15 requirements) or the permit is revoked. A drilling permit issued  
16 prior to April 18, 1985, for a well which is an operating well  
17 on April 18, 1985, shall remain in force as a well permit until  
18 the well is plugged in accordance with 58 Pa.C.S. § 3220.

19 (b) The Department of Environmental Protection may  
20 establish, by rulemaking promulgated by the Environmental  
21 Quality Board, the option for applicants to apply for multi-year  
22 well permits. The well permit application fee charged by the  
23 department shall be prorated according to the duration of the  
24 multi-year well permit.

25 Amend Bill, page 36, line 12, by striking out "2" and  
26 inserting

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28 Amend Bill, page 36, line 16, by striking out "3" and  
29 inserting

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31 Amend Bill, page 36, line 17, by striking out "3" and  
32 inserting

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2       Amend Bill, page 36, by inserting between lines 21 and 22

3           (3) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under  
4       paragraph (4) is necessary to effectuate the addition of  
5       section 3003.23 of the act.

6           (4) 58 Pa.C.S. § 3211(i) is repealed.

7       Amend Bill, page 36, line 22, by striking out "4" and

8       inserting

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