AN ACT

Amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for emerging technologies.

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

Section 1. Title 27 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

CHAPTER 43

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Sec.

4301. Definitions.

4302. Duties of department.

§ 4301. Definitions.

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

"Cryptocurrency." Digital currency designed to work as a medium of exchange through a computer network that is not reliant on any central authority, such as a government or bank,
to uphold or maintain the digital currency.

"Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of the Commonwealth.

"Emerging technologies." Any of the following types of technologies that are used for, or are interrelated with, new innovations, including, but not limited to, cryptocurrency, for which the department promulgates regulations or has authorization to issue permits:

(1) Technical innovations with progressive developments within a field for competitive advantage.

(2) Previously distinct fields that are in some way moving towards stronger interconnection and similar goals.

§ 4302. Duties of department.

Each application for a permit related to an emerging technology shall be processed in the department's central office in Harrisburg.

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