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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY STAPLETON, ORLANDO, COPPERSMITH AND MOORE,  
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AN ACT

1 Regulating the terms and conditions of certain leases regarding  
2 natural gas and oil.

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

5 Section 1. A lease or other such agreement conveying the  
6 right to remove or recover oil, natural gas or gas of any other  
7 designation underlying another's property shall not be valid if  
8 such lease does not guarantee the lessor at least one-eighth  
9 royalty of all oil, natural gas or gas of other designations  
10 removed or recovered from the subject real property.

11 Section 2. An oil, natural gas or other designation gas well  
12 or oil, natural gas or other designation gas lease which does  
13 not provide a one-eighth metered royalty shall be subject to  
14 such an escalation when its original state is altered by new  
15 drilling, deeper drilling, redrilling, artificial well  
16 stimulation, hydraulic fracturing or any other procedure for  
17 increased production.

18 Section 3. Whenever such an increased production procedure

1 has been completed prior to the effective date of this act,  
2 metering and the above royalty shall commence within 90 days  
3 after the effective date of this act.

4 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.