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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
JANUARY 24, 1995

AN ACT

1 Prohibiting mining in areas with active mine fires.

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

4 Section 1. Powers and duties of Department of Environmental  
5 Resources.

6 The Department of Environmental Resources shall promulgate  
7 regulations and establish a permitting process for underground  
8 coal mining activities which may render an active underground  
9 mine fire inactive or improve the safety and welfare of persons  
10 within close proximity to the underground mine fire.

11 Section 2. Active mine fires; mining prohibited.

12 Except where permitted by section 1, no mining shall be  
13 performed, nor shall the Secretary of Environmental Resources  
14 approve applications for mining activities, within 1,500 feet of  
15 property identified by the Department of Environmental Resources  
16 as areas with active mine fires.

1 Section 3. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect immediately.