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MUNDY, KORTZ, HORNAMAN, GEORGE, YOUNGBLOOD, MURT, GOODMAN AND
BRADFORD, DECEMBER 18, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
DECEMBER 18, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 19, 1984 (P.L.1140, No.223),
2 entitled "An act relating to the development of oil and gas
3 and coal; imposing duties and powers on the Department of
4 Environmental Resources; imposing notification requirements
5 to protect landowners; and providing for definitions, for
6 various requirements to regulate the drilling and operation
7 of oil and gas wells, for gas storage reservoirs, for various
8 reporting requirements, including certain requirements
9 concerning the operation of coal mines, for well permits, for
10 well registration, for distance requirements, for well casing
11 requirements, for safety device requirements, for storage
12 reservoir obligations, for well bonding requirements, for a
13 Well Plugging Restricted Revenue Account to enforce oil and
14 gas well plugging requirements, for the creation of an Oil
15 and Gas Technical Advisory Board, for oil and gas well
16 inspections, for enforcement and for penalties," further
17 providing for well permits.

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

20 Section 1. Section 201 of the act of December 19, 1984
21 (P.L.1140, No.223), known as the Oil and Gas Act, is amended by
22 adding a subsection to read:

23 Section 201. Well permits.

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1 (d.1) Public notice of every permit application shall be
2 given by notice published in a newspaper of general circulation,
3 published in the locality where the permit is applied for, once
4 a week for four consecutive weeks. The department shall
5 prescribe such requirements regarding public notice as it deems
6 appropriate.

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