

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, ARGALL, COSTA, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, KASUNIC, ORIE, RAFFERTY, SCARNATI, SCHWANK, WASHINGTON, YUDICHAK AND FARNESE, APRIL 25, 2011

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, APRIL 25, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania  
 2 Consolidated Statutes, requiring that the operator of each  
 3 permitted gas well within Pennsylvania post certain 911  
 4 response information at the entrance to each well site.

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

7 Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
 8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 7321. Gas well 911 emergency response information.

10 The agency and the Department of Environmental Protection  
 11 shall adopt emergency regulations directing the operations of  
 12 all gas and oil wells within this Commonwealth to do all of the  
 13 following:

14 (1) Adopt a unique GPS coordinate address for each gas  
 15 or oil well.

16 (2) Register that address with the agency, the  
 17 Department of Environmental Protection and the local  
 18 emergency management organization within the county where the

1 gas or oil well is located.

2 (3) Require the development of an emergency response  
3 plan and file that plan with the agency, the Department of  
4 Environmental Protection and the local emergency management  
5 organization with jurisdiction over the gas or oil well.

6 (4) Post a reflective sign at the entrance to each well  
7 site with the specific address of that site, the coordinates  
8 for the site, the emergency contact number for the operator  
9 and such other information as the agency or the Department of  
10 Environmental Protection deems necessary.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.