

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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YUDICHAK AND HUGHES, DECEMBER 6, 2011

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, DECEMBER 6, 2011

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 reporting requirements.

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

20 Section 1. Section 212(a) of the act of December 19, 1984
21 (P.L.1140, No.223), known as the Oil and Gas Act, amended March
22 22, 2010 (P.L.169, No.15), is amended to read:

23 Section 212. Well reporting requirements.

24 (a) Except as provided in subsection (a.1), every well

1 operator shall file with the department, on a form provided by
2 the department, an annual report specifying the amount of
3 production on the most well-specific basis available. Annual
4 reports shall also specify the status of each well; however, in
5 subsequent years, only changes in the status need be reported.
6 The report shall also specify the country of origin and
7 manufacture of any steel products used in the maintenance or
8 construction of the well in the reporting period. This
9 information shall not be considered confidential. The
10 Commonwealth shall have the right to utilize such information in
11 enforcement proceedings, in making designations or
12 determinations under section 1927-A of the act of April 9, 1929
13 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, or
14 in aggregate form for statistical purposes.

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