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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in development, in general requirements relating to  
3 development, further providing for use of safety devices.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3219 of Title 58 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes, added February 14, 2012 (P.L.87, No.13),  
8 is amended to read:

9 § 3219. Use of safety devices.

10 (a) Protection.--Any person engaged in drilling an oil or  
11 gas well shall equip it with casings of sufficient strength, and  
12 other safety devices as are necessary, in the manner prescribed  
13 by regulation of the department, and shall use every effort and  
14 endeavor effectively to prevent blowouts, explosions and fires.

15 (b) Communication.--At each operating well, the well  
16 operator shall do all of the following:

17 (1) Install and maintain a system for real-time  
18 communications from adaptive, multifrequency wireless

1 broadband mesh networks.

2 (2) Maintain communications with:

3 (i) the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency;

4 (ii) the office of the individual specified under 35

5 Pa.C.S. § 7502 (relating to local coordinator of

6 emergency management); and

7 (iii) the department.

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