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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in development, providing for hydraulic fracturing  
3 fluid tracer.

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

6 Section 1. Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 3222.2. Hydraulic fracturing fluid tracer.

9 (a) Applicability.--This section shall apply to hydraulic  
10 fracturing of unconventional wells performed on or after the  
11 effective date of this section.

12 (b) Required additives.--A service provider who performs any  
13 part of a hydraulic fracturing treatment and a vendor who  
14 provides hydraulic fracturing chemicals directly to the operator  
15 for a hydraulic fracturing treatment shall include a tracer  
16 substance in the base stimulation fluid used in the alteration  
17 of an unconventional well.

18 (c) Specifications.--The department shall specify the type

1 of tracer substance that the operator is required to use in the  
2 alteration of an unconventional well. The following shall apply:

3 (1) The tracer substance must be traceable to a specific  
4 operator after the tracer substance is used in the alteration  
5 of an unconventional well.

6 (2) The department shall determine that the use of the  
7 tracer substance will not endanger public health or the  
8 environment.

9 (d) Regulations.--The Environmental Quality Board shall  
10 promulgate regulations necessary to meet the requirements of  
11 this section.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.