

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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 HERSHEY AND PYLE, JANUARY 28, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
 JANUARY 28, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 2 Statutes, in development, further providing for well permits.

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

5 Section 1. Section 3211 of Title 58 of the Pennsylvania
 6 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
 7 § 3211. Well permits.

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9 (n) Cross unit drilling.--If an operator has the right to
 10 drill an oil and gas well on separate leases or units, the
 11 operator may drill and produce a well that traverses, by
 12 horizontal drilling, more than one lease or unit, if the
 13 operator reasonably allocates production from the well among the
 14 leases or units and the traversing well is not expressly
 15 prohibited by the terms of a lease. Nothing in this section
 16 shall authorize a producer to drill or produce natural gas that
 17 is not subject to a valid lease and royalty agreement with a

1 landowner.

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