## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL No. 2528 Session of 2022

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, APRIL 20, 2022

## AN ACT

1 2 3	Amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in development, providing for well plugging contracts.
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	§ 3271.1. Well plugging contracts.
9	(a) General ruleNotwithstanding any other provision of
10	law:
11	(1) The department shall allow any Pennsylvania company
12	to bid for a contract that the department plans to award for
13	plugging oil or gas wells, regardless of the size of the
14	<u>company.</u>
15	(2) The department shall award a contract for plugging
16	<u>oil or gas wells to an eligible Pennsylvania company before</u>
17	considering the bid of a company which is not a Pennsylvania
18	company.

1	(3) If no eligible Pennsylvania company bids for the
2	contract, the department may consider bids from a company
3	<u>that is not a Pennsylvania company.</u>
4	(b) DefinitionAs used in this section, the term
5	"Pennsylvania company" means a business entity which:
6	(1) Has its main offices or headquarters located within
7	this Commonwealth.
8	(2) Conducts at least 50% of its business activities
9	within this Commonwealth.
10	Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.