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REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, JUNE 3, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for emerging technologies.

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

5 Section 1. Title 27 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
6 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

7 CHAPTER 43

8 EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

9 Sec.

10 4301. Definitions.

11 4302. Duties of department.

12 § 4301. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
14 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

16 "Cryptocurrency." Digital currency designed to work as a
17 medium of exchange through a computer network that is not
18 reliant on any central authority, such as a government or bank,

1 to uphold or maintain the digital currency.

2 "Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of
3 the Commonwealth.

4 "Emerging technologies." Any of the following types of
5 technologies that are used for, or are interrelated with, new
6 innovations, including, but not limited to, cryptocurrency, for
7 which the department promulgates regulations or has
8 authorization to issue permits:

9 (1) Technical innovations with progressive developments
10 within a field for competitive advantage.

11 (2) Previously distinct fields that are in some way
12 moving towards stronger interconnection and similar goals.

13 § 4302. Duties of department.

14 Each application for a permit related to an emerging
15 technology shall be processed in the department's central office
16 in Harrisburg.

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