



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 995

PRINTERS NO. 1844

PRIME SPONSOR: Baker

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 995, Printer's Number 1844, amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) to require the operator of each permitted unconventional well within Pennsylvania to post certain 911 response information at the entrance to each well site. This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Title 35 (Health & Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to include a new section addressing unconventional well 911 emergency response information and new definitions. It directs the PA Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to adopt emergency regulations directing the operators of all unconventional wells to:

- adopt a unique GPS coordinate address for each unconventional well;
- register the address with PEMA, DEP and the county emergency management organization within the county where the unconventional well is located;
- develop and file an emergency response plan with PEMA, DEP and county emergency officials, and share the plan with local emergency officials where the well is located; and
- post a reflective sign at the entrance to each well site with the specific address of that site, the coordinates for the site, the emergency contact number for the operator and such other information as PEMA or DEP deems necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. While both agencies will have some administrative expenses to implement the regulations, costs should be absorbed within existing funding and operations.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.