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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MINES AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT,
MARCH 18, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 31, 1945 (P.L.1198, No.418), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act providing for the conservation and
3 improvement of land affected in connection with surface
4 mining; regulating such mining; and providing penalties,"
5 further providing for pre-blast surveys.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 4.2(b) of the act of May 31, 1945
9 (P.L.1198, No.418), known as the Surface Mining Conservation and
10 Reclamation Act, amended October 10, 1980 (P.L.835, No.155), is
11 amended to read:

12 Section 4.2. General Rule Making; Health and Safety.--* * *

13 (b) (1) The use of explosives for the purpose of blasting
14 in connection with surface mining shall be done in accordance
15 with regulations promulgated by and under the supervision of the
16 secretary. These regulations shall include but not be limited to
17 provisions relating to public notice, blasting schedules,
18 monitoring and record-keeping, prevention of injury, prevention

1 of damage to property outside the permit area, prevention of
2 adverse impacts upon any underground mine, prevention of any
3 change in the course, channel, or availability of ground or
4 surface water outside the permit area, pre-blast surveys and
5 certification of blasting personnel. Precautions shall be taken
6 when blasting in close proximity to any underground mine.
7 Blasting shall be conducted in such a manner as to protect the
8 health and safety of persons working underground or to prevent
9 any adverse impact upon an active, inactive or abandoned
10 underground mine. It shall be unlawful for any blaster to leave
11 a working place after a task completion without first filing a
12 report with the mine operator known as a blaster's report. Such
13 report shall indicate the nature of the blasting operation,
14 including, but not limited to, the type and amount of explosives
15 used.

16 (2) Regulations relating to pre-blast surveys shall require
17 such surveys for any dwelling or structure located within one
18 mile of any part of the permit area where blasting will occur,
19 upon the request to the department or mine operator by a
20 resident or owner of such dwelling or structure.

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