THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 974

Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY D. WHITE, WOZNIAK, M. WHITE, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, ORIE, BRUBAKER, BOSCOLA, ARGALL, TARTAGLIONE, FOLMER, ROBBINS, GREENLEAF, WAUGH, ALLOWAY, SMUCKER, WARD AND PIPPY, JUNE 26, 2009

SENATOR M. WHITE, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, AS AMENDED, JULY 28, 2009

AN ACT

- Amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), entitled "An act Creating the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources consisting of certain functions of the Department 3 of Environmental Resources and the Department of Community Affairs; renaming the Department of Environmental Resources 5 as the Department of Environmental Protection; defining the role of the Environmental Quality Board in the Department of 7 Environmental Protection; making changes to responsibilities 8 of the State Conservation Commission and the Department of 9 Agriculture; transferring certain powers and duties to the 10 Department of Health; and repealing inconsistent acts," 11 providing for continuation of lease agreements. 12 13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 14 hereby enacts as follows: Section 1. The act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), known 15 16 as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, is amended by 17 adding a section to read:
- 18 <u>Section 323. Continuation of lease agreements.</u>
- 19 Any action or decision by the department to close, restrict
- 20 <u>access to, reduce or modify services at any State park or State</u>
- 21 forest shall not preclude a person who has entered into a lease

- 1 prior to the effective date of this section with the department
- 2 or the Commonwealth from exercising all rights and privileges
- 3 <u>afforded to the lessee under the lease agreement.</u>
- 4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days
- 5 IMMEDIATELY.