

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, ARGALL, COSTA, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, KASUNIC, ORIE, RAFFERTY, SCARNATI, SCHWANK, WASHINGTON, YUDICHAK, FARNESE AND BROWNE, APRIL 25, 2011

SENATOR BAKER, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AS AMENDED, MAY 24, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, requiring that the operator of each
3 permitted gas well within Pennsylvania post certain 911
4 response information at the entrance to each well site.

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

7 Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 7321. Gas well 911 emergency response information.

10 The agency and the Department of Environmental Protection

11 shall adopt emergency regulations directing the operations ←

12 OPERATORS of all gas and oil wells within this Commonwealth to ←

13 do all of the following:

14 (1) Adopt a unique GPS coordinate address for each gas

15 or oil well AT BOTH THE ACCESS ROAD ENTRANCE AND WELLPAD ←

16 SITE.

17 (2) Register that address with the agency, the

18 Department of Environmental Protection and the local

1 emergency management organization within the county where the  
2 gas or oil well is located.

3 (3) Require the development of an emergency response  
4 plan and file that plan with the agency, the Department of  
5 Environmental Protection and the ~~local~~ COUNTY emergency ←  
6 management organization with jurisdiction over the gas or oil  
7 well.

8 (4) Post a reflective sign at the entrance to each well  
9 site with the specific address of that site, the coordinates  
10 for the site, the emergency contact number for the operator  
11 and such other information as the agency or the Department of  
12 Environmental Protection deems necessary.

13 SECTION 2. REGULATIONS PROMULGATED UNDER 35 PA.C.S. § 7321 ←  
14 SHALL APPLY TO BOTH NEW AND EXISTING GAS AND OIL WELLS WITHIN  
15 THIS COMMONWEALTH.

16 Section 2 3. This act shall take effect immediately. ←