

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 994 Session of  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
MARCH 14, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in development, further providing for well permits,  
3 for general gas storage reservoir operations and for  
4 regulations.

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

7 Section 1. Section 3211 of Title 58, added February 14, 2012  
8 (P.L.87, No.13), of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is  
9 amended by adding a subsection to read:

10 § 3211. Well permits.

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12 (b.3) Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.--If the applicant  
13 intends to use or establish a gas transmission line in the  
14 Pennsylvania Turnpike's right-of-way, then the applicant must  
15 attach a copy of the expected fee arrangement between the  
16 applicant and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

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18 Section 2. Sections 3233(f)(1) and 3274 of Title 58, added  
19 February 14, 2012 (P.L.87, No.13), are amended to read:

1 § 3233. General gas storage reservoir operations.

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3 (f) Duty of storage reservoir operator.--The following shall  
4 apply:

5 (1) A person owning or operating a storage reservoir  
6 subject to this chapter shall have a duty to:

7 (i) Maintain all wells drilled into or through the  
8 reservoir in a condition and operate them in a manner  
9 sufficient to prevent the escape of gas.

10 (ii) Operate and maintain the reservoir and its  
11 facilities as prescribed by departmental regulations and  
12 at a pressure which will prevent gas from escaping, but  
13 the pressure shall not exceed the highest rock pressure  
14 found to have existed during the production history of  
15 the reservoir or another high pressure limit approved by  
16 the department after holding a conference under section  
17 3251 based on geological and production knowledge of the  
18 reservoir, its character, permeability distribution and  
19 operating experience.

20 (iii) Have a valid fee arrangement with the  
21 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for any use of gas  
22 transmission lines that are in the Pennsylvania  
23 Turnpike's right-of-way.

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25 § 3274. Regulations.

26 (a) Environmental Quality Board.--The Environmental Quality  
27 Board shall promulgate regulations to implement this chapter.

28 (b) Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.--The Pennsylvania  
29 Turnpike Commission shall adopt regulations relating to  
30 commercial use of the turnpike's right-of-way for gas

1 transmission lines under this chapter, including setting a fee  
2 structure.

3       Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.