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BLAKE, APRIL 1, 2013

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, APRIL 1, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in unconventional gas well fee, further providing
3 for distribution of fee.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2314(c.1) of Title 58 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes, is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
8 § 2314. Distribution of fee.

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10 (c.1) Additional distributions.--From fees collected under
11 this chapter and deposited in the fund for 2011 and each year
12 thereafter:

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14 (7) Three million dollars to the Department of Health to
15 be used:

16 (i) To conduct health services research to determine
17 if health services are adequate in areas of the

1 Commonwealth where unconventional gas well drilling
2 occurs. This subparagraph includes the collection and
3 reporting of health data in areas where unconventional
4 gas wells are drilled and provide training in
5 occupational and environmental medicine to health care
6 providers.

7 (ii) To conduct research on the effects of air
8 quality on health and disease in areas where
9 unconventional gas wells are drilled. The research shall
10 examine the impacts that short-term, intermediate and
11 long-term exposure to air contaminant emissions from
12 natural gas production and processing operations in
13 unconventional shale formations has on respiratory-
14 related hospital admissions, emergency room visits and
15 premature deaths. In order to translate population
16 studies to personalized medicine under this subparagraph,
17 a portion of the funds under this subparagraph shall be
18 allocated to support research to identify biomarkers of
19 exposure to determine susceptibility of disease and to
20 understand the direct effects of air pollutants generated
21 by oil and gas operations.

22 In conducting research under this paragraph, the Department
23 of Health shall partner or contract with other entities with
24 established environmental health sciences research programs
25 within this Commonwealth.

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