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REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, JANUARY 15, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in development, further providing for protection of
3 water supplies.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3218(b.4) of Title 58 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
8 adding a subsection to read:

9 § 3218. Protection of water supplies.

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11 (b.4) Website.--The department shall publish[,] on its
12 Internet website[,]:

13 (1) lists of confirmed cases of subterranean water
14 supply contamination that result from hydraulic
15 fracturing[.]; and

16 (2) the results of the water analysis obtained and
17 completed by the department under subsection (b.6), which
18 must be categorized by municipality. The results may not

1 contain the name or address of the well owner or the exact
2 location of the well.

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4 (b.6) Private water supply testing.--

5 (1) An owner of a private water supply who suspects that
6 the water supply has been polluted or diminished by the
7 drilling, alteration or operation of an oil or gas well may
8 request the department sample and test the private water
9 supply.

10 (2) If the department samples the private water supply,
11 the department shall provide the owner of the private water
12 supply with a copy of the department's report on the
13 laboratory results for the samples collected from the private
14 water supply and for the parameters that were accurately
15 tested and verified according to recognized and approved
16 testing methodologies.

17 (3) The department shall provide the copy of the
18 department's report on the results under paragraph (2) to the
19 owner of the private water supply within five working days
20 after the preparation of the report.

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