
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY THOMAS AND V. BROWN, FEBRUARY 17, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
FEBRUARY 17, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 22, 2011 (P.L.586, No.127),
2 entitled "An act providing for gas and hazardous liquids
3 pipelines and for powers and duties of the Pennsylvania
4 Public Utility Commission; and imposing civil penalties," in
5 preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions;
6 and, in related activities, providing for recreational use
7 and for storm water runoff.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 102 of the act of December 22, 2011
11 (P.L.586, No.127), known as the Gas and Hazardous Liquids
12 Pipelines Act, is amended by adding a definition to read:
13 Section 102. Definitions.

14 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
15 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
16 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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18 "Public land." Land from any State park, State forest, State
19 game land, wildlife refuge, waterfowl refuge or municipal public
20 park.

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2 Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

3 Section 702. Recreational use.

4 Within counties of the first, second and third class, if a
5 pipeline operator purchases or obtains an easement for public
6 land, agricultural-easement land or permanently preserved land
7 for new or expanded pipelines, the pipeline operator must
8 purchase or grant an easement for an equivalent section of land
9 within the respective county for public active or passive
10 recreational use. The recreational land shall be selected and
11 recreationally developed at the direction of the county. No
12 other development of the recreational land may occur.

13 Section 703. Storm water runoff.

14 (a) Duty of pipeline operators.--Notwithstanding any law or
15 regulation to the contrary, a pipeline operator engaged in the
16 construction or replacement of pipelines involving the
17 alteration or development of land shall ensure that the volume
18 and maximum rate of storm water runoff after the construction or
19 replacement does not exceed the volume and maximum rate of
20 runoff that existed prior to the construction or replacement.

21 (b) Duty of Department of Environmental Protection.--The
22 Department of Environmental Protection shall verify compliance
23 with this section through 25 Pa. Code Ch. 102 (relating to
24 erosion and sediment control) and may promulgate regulations to
25 implement this section.

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