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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in service and facilities, providing
3 for pipeline safety valves.

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

6 Section 1. Chapter 15 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

8 SUBCHAPTER C

9 PIPELINE SAFETY VALVES

10 Sec.

11 1541. Definitions.

12 1542. Automatic or remote controlled shutoff valves for gas
13 transmission pipelines.

14 1543. Automatic or remote controlled shutoff valves for
15 hazardous liquids transmission pipelines.

16 1544. Penalties.

17 § 1541. Definitions.

18 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
19 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the

1 context clearly indicates otherwise:

2 "Gas." As defined in 49 CFR 192.3 (relating to definitions).

3 "Hazardous liquid." As defined in 49 CFR 195.2 (relating to
4 definitions).

5 "Shutoff valve." A mechanical device used to control the
6 flow of gas or liquid that may be used solely for fully open or
7 closed applications, to control the direction of flow or to
8 throttle flow or regulate pressure. The term includes a plug
9 valve, ball valve, globe valve and gate valve.

10 "Transmission." The transportation, other than gathering, of
11 gas through a transmission line as that term is defined in 49
12 CFR 192.3 or of hazardous liquids through a pipeline as that
13 term is defined in 49 CFR 195.2.

14 § 1542. Automatic or remote controlled shutoff valves for gas
15 transmission pipelines.

16 (a) General rule.--All facilities of a public utility
17 engaged in the transmission of gas placed into service after the
18 effective date of this section shall have automatic or remote
19 controlled shutoff valves installed as provided under this
20 section.

21 (b) Installation.--In addition to any other valves installed
22 by the public utility, the public utility shall install at least
23 one automatic or remote controlled shutoff valve at each
24 location required under 49 CFR 192.179 (relating to transmission
25 line valves).

26 (c) Testing frequency.--The public utility shall test each
27 automatic and remote controlled shutoff valve on an annual
28 basis. Records of the testing shall be provided annually to each
29 municipality in which the automatic or remote controlled shutoff
30 valve is tested.

1 (d) Replacement.--If an automatic or remote controlled
2 shutoff valve does not operate properly when tested, the public
3 utility shall repair or replace the valve as soon as reasonably
4 practicable.

5 § 1543. Automatic or remote controlled shutoff valves for
6 hazardous liquids transmission pipelines.

7 (a) General rule.--All facilities of a public utility
8 engaged in the transmission of hazardous liquids placed into
9 service after the effective date of this section shall have
10 automatic or remote controlled shutoff valves installed as
11 provided under this section.

12 (b) Installation.--In addition to any other valves installed
13 by the public utility, the public utility shall install at least
14 one automatic or remote controlled shutoff valve at each
15 location required under 49 CFR 192.179 (relating to transmission
16 line valves).

17 (c) Testing frequency.--The public utility shall test each
18 automatic and remote controlled shutoff valve on an annual
19 basis. Records of the testing shall be provided annually to each
20 municipality in which the automatic or remote controlled shutoff
21 valve is tested.

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23 shutoff valve does not operate properly when tested, the public
24 utility shall repair or replace the valve as soon as reasonably
25 practicable.

26 § 1544. Penalties.

27 The commission may, after notice and opportunity to be heard,
28 impose civil penalties under section 3301 (relating to civil
29 penalties for violations) and other appropriate remedies for
30 violations of this subchapter and the regulations and orders of

1 the commission.

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