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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

1 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
2 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 valve is tested.

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

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

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

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

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19 automatic and remote controlled shutoff valve on an annual  
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21 municipality in which the automatic or remote controlled shutoff  
22 valve is tested.

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

27 § 1544. Penalties.

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

1 violations of this subchapter and the regulations and orders of  
2 the commission.

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