
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, AUGUST 7, 2019

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,"
5 providing for duties of Department of Environmental
6 Protection.

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

9 Section 1. The title of the act of December 22, 2011
10 (P.L.586, No.127), known as the Gas and Hazardous Liquids
11 Pipelines Act, is amended to read:

12 AN ACT

13 Providing for gas and hazardous liquids pipelines and for powers
14 and duties of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission;
15 providing for duties of the Department of Environmental
16 Protection; and imposing civil penalties.

17 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a chapter to read:

18 CHAPTER 2

19 DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

20 Section 201. Definitions.

1 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
2 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
3 context clearly indicates otherwise:

4 "Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of
5 the Commonwealth.

6 Section 202. Guidelines for pipeline safety.

7 (a) Guidelines.--The department, in collaboration with the
8 commission, shall develop guidelines for pipeline safety with an
9 emphasis on all of the following:

10 (1) Reducing the dangers associated with improper
11 pipeline sitings, improper safety management and wasted
12 resources.

13 (2) Ensuring pipelines are built and operated in the
14 safest manner possible with a minimal impact on communities
15 and sensitive environmental areas in this Commonwealth.

16 (3) Adapting pipelines to the safest technological
17 innovations, including advanced leak detection.

18 (4) Promoting responsible development of safe pipelines.

19 (b) Notice.--The department shall publish the guidelines on
20 the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

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