

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 111 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY STEFANO, JANUARY 18, 2023

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, JANUARY 18, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 31, 1945 (P.L.1198, No.418), entitled  
 2 "An act providing for the conservation and improvement of  
 3 land affected in connection with surface mining; regulating  
 4 such mining; providing for the establishment of an Emergency  
 5 Bond Fund for anthracite deep mine operators; and providing  
 6 penalties," further providing for land reclamation financial  
 7 guarantees; and making a repeal.

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

10 Section 1. Section 19.2(b) of the act of May 31, 1945  
 11 (P.L.1198, No.418), known as the Surface Mining Conservation and  
 12 Reclamation Act, is amended by adding a clause to read:

13 Section 19.2. Land Reclamation Financial Guarantees.--\* \* \*

14 (b) \* \* \*

15 (8) (i) Notwithstanding section 8(a) of the act of June 22,  
 16 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394), known as "The Clean Streams Law," the  
 17 following shall be transferred by the department into the  
 18 Reclamation Fee O&M Trust Account:

19 (A) Civil penalties collected for a violation under section  
 20 605 of "The Clean Streams Law," which is in any manner connected  
 21 with or related to a coal mining activity as defined in 25 Pa.

1 Code § 86.1 (relating to definitions).

2 (B) Money collected as a result of a violation of a rule,  
3 regulation or order of the department or condition of a permit  
4 issued under "The Clean Streams Law," that is in any manner  
5 connected with or related to a coal mining activity as defined  
6 in 25 Pa. Code § 86.1.

7 (ii) All civil penalties and money specified under this  
8 clause shall be used to pay for construction costs and operation  
9 and maintenance costs associated with treating postmining  
10 pollutional discharges at ABS Legacy Sites as defined in 25 Pa.  
11 Code § 86.1.

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13 Section 2. Repeals are as follows:

14 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under  
15 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the addition of  
16 section 19.2(b)(8) of the act.

17 (2) Section 8(a) of the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987,  
18 No.394), known as The Clean Streams Law, is repealed insofar  
19 as it is inconsistent with the addition of section 19.2(b)(8)  
20 of the act.

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