

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 950 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY MUTH, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, CAPPELLETTI AND SAVAL,
OCTOBER 3, 2023

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in development, further providing for well permits.

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

5 Section 1. Section 3211 of Title 58 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
7 § 3211. Well permits.

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9 (a.1) Oil and gas fluid injection wells prohibited.--

10 (1) No person shall drill or alter a well to inject
11 fluids produced in association with oil and gas production
12 for disposal or storage.

13 (2) The department may not issue a well permit for a
14 proposed drilling or alteration of a well to inject fluids
15 produced in association with oil and gas production for
16 disposal or storage.

17 (3) A person who meets any of the following may bring an
18 action in a court of common pleas to enforce compliance with

1 paragraph (1):

2 (i) resides or owns property within five miles of a
3 well drilled or altered in violation of paragraph (1); or

4 (ii) owns or operates a business that conducts
5 business activities within five miles of a well drilled
6 or altered in violation of paragraph (1).

7 (4) An action under this subsection must be brought in
8 the court of common pleas in the district where the well is
9 located.

10 (5) In an action brought under this subsection, the
11 court of common pleas may grant appropriate relief, including
12 actual damages, attorney fees and court costs and equitable
13 and injunctive relief.

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