

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1656 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY KRUPA, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
SEPTEMBER 5, 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.--No  
10 person shall drill or alter a well to inject fluids produced in  
11 association with oil and gas production for disposal or storage.  
12 The department may not issue a well permit for a proposed  
13 drilling or alteration of a well to inject fluids produced in  
14 association with oil and gas production for disposal or storage.  
15 A person who resides or owns property within five miles of a  
16 well drilled or altered in violation of this subsection and a  
17 person who owns or operates a business that conducts business  
18 activities within five miles of a well drilled or altered in

1 violation of this subsection may bring an action in a court of  
2 common pleas to enforce compliance with this subsection. In an  
3 action brought under this subsection, the court of common pleas  
4 may grant appropriate relief, including actual damages, attorney  
5 fees and court costs and equitable and injunctive relief. An  
6 action under this subsection shall be brought in the court of  
7 common pleas in the district where the well is located.

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