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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in development, further providing for well permits,  
3 for general gas storage reservoir operations and for  
4 regulations.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 3211 of Title 58 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
9 § 3211. Well permits.

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11 (b.3) Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.--If the applicant  
12 intends to use or establish a gas transmission line located in  
13 the Pennsylvania Turnpike's right-of-way, then the applicant  
14 shall attach a copy of the expected fee arrangement between the  
15 applicant and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

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17 Section 2. Sections 3233(f)(1) and 3274 of Title 58 are  
18 amended to read:

19 § 3233. General gas storage reservoir operations.

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2 (f) Duty of storage reservoir operator.--The following shall  
3 apply:

4 (1) A person owning or operating a storage reservoir  
5 subject to this chapter shall have a duty to:

6 (i) Maintain all wells drilled into or through the  
7 reservoir in a condition and operate them in a manner  
8 sufficient to prevent the escape of gas.

9 (ii) Operate and maintain the reservoir and its  
10 facilities as prescribed by departmental regulations and  
11 at a pressure which will prevent gas from escaping, but  
12 the pressure shall not exceed the highest rock pressure  
13 found to have existed during the production history of  
14 the reservoir or another high pressure limit approved by  
15 the department after holding a conference under section  
16 3251 based on geological and production knowledge of the  
17 reservoir, its character, permeability distribution and  
18 operating experience.

19 (iii) Have a valid fee arrangement with the  
20 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for use of gas  
21 transmission lines that are located in the Pennsylvania  
22 Turnpike's right-of-way.

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24 § 3274. Regulations.

25 (a) Environmental Quality Board.--The Environmental Quality  
26 Board shall promulgate regulations to implement this chapter.

27 (b) Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.--The Pennsylvania  
28 Turnpike Commission shall promulgate regulations relating to  
29 commercial use of the Pennsylvania Turnpike's right-of-way for  
30 gas transmission lines under this chapter, including setting a

1 fee structure.

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