

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 247 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY OBERLANDER, FRITZ, JAMES, MILLARD, BERNSTINE, ZIMMERMAN, EVERETT, RYAN, O'NEAL, BENNINGHOFF, KAUFER, DUSH, HERSHEY, PYLE, TURZAI, WARNER, MASSER, STRUZZI, WEBSTER AND KORTZ, JANUARY 28, 2019

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 19, 2019

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 (n) Cross unit drilling.--If an operator has the right to
10 drill an oil and OR gas well on separate leases or units, the <--
11 operator may drill and produce a well that traverses, by
12 horizontal drilling, more than one lease or unit, if the
13 operator reasonably allocates production from the well among the
14 leases or units RELATED TO EACH LESSOR'S ACREAGE IN THE UNIT and <--
15 the traversing well is not expressly prohibited by the terms of
16 a lease. Nothing in this section shall authorize a producer AN <--

1 OPERATOR to drill ~~or produce natural gas~~ AN OIL OR GAS WELL that <--  
2 is not subject to a valid lease ~~and~~ OR royalty agreement THAT <--  
3 INCLUDES A VOLUNTARY POOLING PROVISION with a ~~landowner~~ LESSOR. <--  
4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.