
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. **375** Session of
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INTRODUCED BY MCCARTER, JUNE 18, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
JUNE 18, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a study of jobs in the natural gas industry in
3 Pennsylvania to determine the number of core and ancillary
4 jobs created, the salary ranges of these jobs, whether health
5 care benefits and workers' compensation benefits are
6 provided, the number of Pennsylvania residents employed in
7 this industry and ways to increase the percentage of
8 Pennsylvania residents employed in this industry.

9 WHEREAS, The development of Pennsylvania's oil and natural
10 gas resources has made a profound impact on this Commonwealth,
11 stimulating many local economies and creating family-sustaining
12 jobs; and

13 WHEREAS, Although the positive economic factors associated
14 with the continued development of natural gas are clear, a
15 discrepancy appears to exist between the data collected by the
16 Department of Labor and Industry and the number of jobs cited by
17 the natural gas industry relative to both core industry jobs and
18 ancillary jobs; and

19 WHEREAS, The Department of Labor and Industry has stated that
20 245,000 direct and indirect jobs have been created as a result
21 of oil and natural gas development; and

1 WHEREAS, It has been estimated by the Marcellus Shale
2 Coalition that the unconventional oil and gas sector on a
3 direct, indirect and induced basis will support nearly 1.8
4 million jobs in 2015, 3 million jobs in 2020 and nearly 3.5
5 million jobs in 2035; and

6 WHEREAS, The low market price of natural gas has been cited
7 by the natural gas industry as the primary reason why further
8 development of this resource and additional employment has
9 remained low; and

10 WHEREAS, The practice of importing out-of-State workers to
11 perform industry-related jobs has caused concern, leaving many
12 Pennsylvanians wondering if the promise of job creation has been
13 overstated; and

14 WHEREAS, There has yet to be a reliable and official study
15 conducted to determine the number of jobs created and the number
16 of Pennsylvania residents employed as a result of the
17 development of the natural gas industry in this Commonwealth;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, In addition, there is no available information
20 relative to whether these jobs provide health care benefits,
21 workers' compensation benefits or family-sustaining wages;
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
24 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of
25 jobs in the natural gas industry in this Commonwealth to
26 determine the number of core and ancillary jobs created, the
27 salary ranges of these jobs, whether health care benefits and
28 workers' compensation benefits are provided, the number of
29 Pennsylvania residents employed in this industry and methods to
30 increase the percentage of Pennsylvania residents employed in

1 this industry; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
3 report its findings to the House of Representatives within six
4 months of the adoption of this resolution.