

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1216 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY BARTOLOTTA, MAY 29, 2024

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, MAY 29, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 13, 1988 (P.L.530, No.94), entitled "An
2 act establishing the Environmental Hearing Board as an
3 independent, quasi-judicial agency; providing for the
4 membership and staff, the powers and duties, the seats and
5 the existing members of the board; transferring certain
6 funds; and making repeals," further providing for
7 jurisdiction.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 4 of the act of July 13, 1988 (P.L.530,
11 No.94), known as the Environmental Hearing Board Act, is amended
12 by adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 4. Jurisdiction.

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15 (i) Limitation.--In accordance with 15 U.S.C. § 717r(d)
16 (relating to rehearing and review), the United States Court of
17 Appeals for the Third Circuit shall have original and exclusive
18 jurisdiction over any civil action or other appeal, challenge or
19 petition for review of a department decision issued under 15
20 U.S.C. Ch. 15B (relating to natural gas) and any person
21 aggrieved by a department decision may file in the United States

1 Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit a civil action or other
2 appeal, challenge or petition for review of the department
3 decision in accordance with the Federal rules of court.

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