

No. 440

AN ACT

Amending the act of November 30, 1955 (P. L. 756), entitled "An act relating to coal mining, well operations and the underground storage of gas, except in storage reservoirs excavated in rock formations specifically for storage purposes, and the safety of personnel and facilities employed therein; prescribing the rights and duties of well operators, before, during, and after the drilling of wells for the production, extraction or storage of any gas, petroleum or other liquid; regulating the underground storage of gas under workable coal seams; prescribing the rights and duties of owners and operators of coal mines in relation to wells and underground storage areas; granting certain corporations a limited right of eminent domain to appropriate interests in real property for surface and sub-surface operations in connection with the underground storage of gas; creating the Oil and Gas Division of the Department of Mines and defining its personnel, powers and duties; providing for hearings and the procedures to be followed therein and imposing duties upon the courts and providing methods for the enforcement of the provisions of this act and imposing penalties," permitting engineers and surveyors to prepare certain plats.

Gas Operations
Well-Drilling
Petroleum and
Coal Mining
Act.

Subsection (e),
section 202, act
of November 30,
1955, P. L. 756,
amended.

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

Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 202, act of November 30, 1955 (P. L. 756), known as the "Gas Operations Well-Drilling Petroleum and Coal Mining Act," is amended to read:

Section 202. Drilling Permit, Agreed Location of Wells, Docket of Proceedings.— * * *

(e) Drilling permits shall not be required for wells which do not pass through one or more workable coal seams. However, the well operator shall have a plat prepared by an engineer or surveyor in the form and manner prescribed in subsection (a) of section 201 of this act and shall forward such plat along with a driller's log as described in subsection (b) of section 201, by registered mail, to the division within thirty days after the completion of the well. In cases where more than one well is to be drilled as part of the same development project, the well locations may be shown on a plat prepared on a lease or project basis: Provided, That such plat is filed with the division within thirty days after the completion of the first well.

APPROVED—The 18th day of July, A. D. 1957.

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