

No. 98

AN ACT

Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323), entitled "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," specifying more accurately the duties of coroners in issuing certificates of cause of death.

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

The County Code.

Section 1. Section 1244 of the act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323), known as "The County Code," is amended to read:

Section 1244, act of August 9, 1955, P. L. 323, amended.

Section 1244. Certificate of Cause of Death.—The coroner shall issue a certificate of cause of death in all cases referred to him by the local registrar of vital statistics, pursuant to the provisions of the act, approved [May twenty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-three (Pamphlet Laws 414), known as the Uniform Vital *Statistics Act,] *June twenty-nine, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 304), known as the "Vital Statistics Law of 1953,"* and in all other cases of which he has jurisdiction, if no person duly authorized by the said act certifies the cause of death.

APPROVED—The 9th day of May, A. D. 1961.

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No. 99

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 2, 1937 (P. L. 2772), entitled "An act to require certain records of oil and gas wells drilled in the Commonwealth showing the location of the same and the geologic formations encountered therein, and to make copies of such records available upon payment of prescribed fees; and providing fees and penalties," requiring additional information on reports on oil or gas wells drilled in the Commonwealth.

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

Oil and gas wells.

Section 1. Section 1, act of July 2, 1937 (P. L. 2772), entitled "An act to require certain records of oil and gas wells drilled in the Commonwealth showing the location of the same and the geologic formations encountered therein, and to make copies of such records available upon payment of prescribed fees; and providing fees and penalties," is amended to read:

Section 1, act of July 2, 1937, P. L. 2772, amended.

* "Statistcs" in original.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That hereafter whenever any oil or gas well is drilled within this Commonwealth to a depth of more than two thousand five hundred feet and more distant than two thousand feet from a well previously recorded and reported to the Department of Internal Affairs, as hereinafter provided, the owner thereof shall send to said department, for the use of the Topographic and Geologic Survey, a type-written or printed, or partially printed and partially written, record showing the name of the owner and of the person who drilled the well, the location of said well on the surface of the ground, showing the name of the county and township within which drilled, and the distance and direction from the nearest known point; easily described on a property line, stream, public highway or municipal boundary, and farm boundary, and also the distance and direction from the nearest oil or gas well known to the owner thereof, and to the nearest well belonging to said owner. The report shall show the elevation above sea level of the ground level at the top of said well, and state how the same was determined. The report shall show the depth below the surface, as nearly as can be determined, of each coal, sand or limestone formation encountered, and the thickness thereof by depths to the top and bottom, and also any oil, gas or water encountered therein [and the approximate volume thereof]. *The report shall include the amount and size of pipe used in the well, the details of completion and treatment, the approximate volume (and rock pressure of gas) of fluids encountered before and after treatment. The report shall contain electric, radio-activity or other physical or chemical logs, if such have been made; also upon request, the result of survey of inclination of the well bore or location of the bottom of the well, if made.* In the case of wells over four thousand feet deep, the department shall be notified in writing of the location and time of commencement of such wells before commencement thereof, and reasonable samples shall be furnished the department of any sands encountered, when the department shall notify the owner of its desire for such samples and furnish suitable bags, packages or containers for the saving and shipping of such samples before such sands are encountered.

Reports.

Contents of reports.

APPROVED—The 15th day of May, A. D. 1961.

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