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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in development, providing for a safety training
3 program.

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

6 Section 1. Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 3228. Safety training program.

9 (a) General rule.--The department shall establish a safety
10 training program for individuals desiring to work in the oil and
11 gas industry in this Commonwealth. Program instruction shall
12 prepare an individual for a certification examination which
13 tests knowledge necessary for entry-level work in the oil and
14 gas industry. Program instruction shall include, at a minimum:

15 (1) Oil and gas well site operations.

16 (2) Health and safety issues.

17 (3) Emergency response.

18 (4) Accident prevention and hazard recognition.

1 (5) Worker and operator rights and responsibilities.

2 (b) Certification.--Upon completion of the program
3 instruction, an individual is eligible to sit for a
4 certification examination to be administered by the department.
5 The department shall issue a certificate to an individual who
6 passes the examination.

7 (c) Required participation.--A worker at a permitted well
8 site must possess a certificate demonstrating successful
9 completion of the program. The department shall issue a
10 certificate to a worker with more than one year of experience in
11 the oil and gas industry if the worker successfully completes an
12 abbreviated program as determined by the department.

13 (d) Entry-level workers.--An operator shall require that
14 workers with less than one year of prior experience in the oil
15 and gas industry wear a green hard hat for one year following
16 completion of the program.

17 (e) Report.--The department shall evaluate the program and
18 annually submit a report to the Governor and the General
19 Assembly on the following:

20 (1) The number of individuals who receive program
21 training.

22 (2) The number of individuals who are issued
23 certificates.

24 (3) Recommendations to improve the program's
25 effectiveness.

26 (f) Database.--The department shall develop and maintain a
27 publicly accessible Internet database which lists all certified
28 workers.

29 (g) Costs.--Costs of the program shall be borne by the
30 individual program participants and shall not be the

1 responsibility of the Commonwealth.

2 (h) Third parties.--The department may contract with third
3 parties to provide the program.

4 (i) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
5 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
6 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

7 "Program." The safety and training program, including the
8 examination component, established under subsection (a).

9 "Well site." As defined in section 3216 (relating to well
10 site restoration).

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