

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1401

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE BENNINGHOFF

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 11, by inserting after "TAX; "
2 in general provisions, providing for potential seismic impact
3 study;

4 Amend Bill, page 36, by inserting between lines 11 and 12

5 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

6 Section 3003.23. Potential Seismic Impact Study.--Within

7 thirty days of the effective date of this section, the

8 Department of Environmental Protection shall undertake a peer

9 reviewed study of potential seismic impacts associated with

10 underground activities within this Commonwealth, to be commenced

11 at a time of the Department of Environmental Protection's

12 discretion. Pending the outcome, review and consideration of the

13 final study, neither the Department of Environmental Protection

14 nor the Environmental Quality Board may promulgate any guidance,

15 policy or technical guidance document on the topic of induced

16 seismicity. The Department of Environmental Protection shall

17 undertake a peer-reviewed study of potential seismic impacts

18 associated with underground activities within this Commonwealth,

19 which shall be commenced at a time determined by the Department

20 of Environmental Protection at the Department of Environmental

21 Protection's discretion. The study must quantify potential

22 seismic impacts, if any, and public health or environmental

23 harm, if any. Pending the outcome, review and consideration of

24 the final study, the Department of Environmental Protection may

25 not promulgate a rule, regulation, permit, guidance, policy or

26 technical guidance document on the topic of induced seismicity.

27 Any proposed Department of Environmental Protection action on

28 the topic shall take into consideration the study.

29 Amend Bill, page 36, line 12, by striking out "2" and

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32 Amend Bill, page 36, line 16, by striking out "3" and

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2 Amend Bill, page 36, line 17, by striking out "3" and
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5 Amend Bill, page 36, line 22, by striking out "4" and
6 inserting

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