
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **452**

Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. MURRAY AND FLACK,
APRIL 4, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MINES AND MINERAL
INDUSTRIES, APRIL 4, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 7 1955 (P L 258) entitled "An act provid-
ing for anthracite mine drainage contingent on Federal aid and
making an appropriation" removing certain restrictions

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

- 1 Section 1 Section 2 act of July 7 1955 (P L 258) entitled "An
2 act providing for anthracite mine drainage contingent on Federal aid
3 and making an appropriation" amended February 11 1959 (P L 3) is
4 amended to read

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 Section 2 In such event the Department of Mines and Mineral
2 Industries shall construct ditches flumes backfill stripping pits and crop-
3 falls and improve stream beds for the purpose of preventing the flow
4 of surface water into mines and shall purchase the necessary materials
5 for the same and also shall purchase and install pumps pipes machinery
6 equipment and materials for the purpose of pumping water from
7 abandoned mines Provided however That the Commonwealth shall not
8 bear [any operating and maintenance costs whatsoever and shall not
9 bear] the installation costs of any underground facilities however this
10 restriction shall not apply and shall not pertain to cases of emergencies
11 endangering life created by the flooding of mines nor shall the func-
12 tions herein set out be restricted to abandoned mines in cases of such
13 emergency

14 In such instances upon the prior determination by the Secretary
15 of Mines and Mineral Industries when the Secretary of the Interior
16 of the United States of America operating under the Federal com-
17 panion legislation has likewise ruled that an emergency exists the
18 Department of Mines and Mineral Industries shall

19 (1) Conduct rescue operations

1 (2) Without advertising or competitive bidding purchase material
2 and equipment and provide labor and techniques for pumping of water
3 from the mines constructing ditches flumes and other devices for mine
4 drainage for sealing backfilling and for the performance of any other
5 work designated by the Secretary of Mines and Mineral Industries as
6 expedient to prevent the spreading and reduce the hazards from flood-
7 ing of mines

8 (3) Pay for power and for other costs attendant upon the opera-
9 tion and maintenance of pumping and other devices for mine drainage

10 (4) Perform the purpose of the act with personnel of the depart-
11 ment or by contract with others

12 (5) Reimburse any person agency or corporation for material labor
13 and equipment furnished at the request of the Department of Mines
14 and Mineral Industries in the performance of the aforesaid duties

15 (6) Pay for the foregoing whether already undertaken or to be
16 undertaken hereafter

17 (7) Conduct investigation to determine the cause of this disaster
18 and to institute measures to insure the future safety and health of
19 persons in the area and

- 1 (8) Do all necessary and expedient to affect the purposes of
- 2 this act
- 3 Section 2 This act shall take effect immediately

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of
Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor