

## No. 77

## AN ACT

HB 320

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," requiring the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries to seal or close or backfill abandoned oil and gas wells.

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

Section 1. Clause (e) of section 1902, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," amended October 13, 1965 (P. L. 597), is amended to read:

Section 1902. Mines.—The Department of Mines and Mineral Industries shall have the power and its duty shall be—

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(e) To seal or close or backfill abandoned deep or strip coal mines , *to plug abandoned oil and gas wells, other than those governed by the gas operations, well-drilling, petroleum and coal mining act*, to fill voids in abandoned coal mines, to drill bore holes, dig ditches or construct flumes which would relieve flooding or hazardous conditions caused by mine water, and to extinguish fires in abandoned coal mines and in culm banks, in those instances where such work is in the interest of the public welfare.

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APPROVED—The 24th day of July, A. D. 1969.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly  
No. 77.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph P. Kelly II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a prominent "K".

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*