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HOUSE BILL NO. 414

Offered January 13, 2000

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 55-154.3, relating to mineral rights regarding migratory gases; presumption of ownership.

Patron—Phillips

Referred to Committee on Mining and Mineral Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 55-154.3 as follows:

§ 55-154.3. Mineral rights regarding migratory gases; presumption of ownership.

A. Except as otherwise provided by law, on or after July 1, 2000, all migratory gases, including, but not limited to, methane, shall be presumed to be the property of the owner of the surface real property beneath which such migratory gases are or may be located.

B. Litigation involving the legal construction of lease agreements entered into prior to July 1, 2000, shall be governed by the applicable law in effect at the time the lease agreements were entered into.

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