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HOUSE BILL NO. 618

Offered January 25, 1994

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 22.1 of Title 45.1 a section numbered 45.1-361.42, relating to interference by gas wells with water supplies.

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 in Article 3 of Chapter 22.1 of Title 45.1 a section numbered 45.1-361.42 as follows:

§ 45.1-361.42. Interference by gas wells with water supplies.

A. Any person who owns or operates a well drilled for the extraction of gas, including but not limited to a coalbed methane gas well, shall promptly replace any drinking, domestic, or residential water supply, from a water well or spring in existence prior to the issuance of the permit for such well pursuant to § 45.1-361.29, which has been contaminated, interrupted, or diminished as the proximate result of the operation of the well.

B. The Director shall promulgate regulations regarding the replacement of any water supply pursuant to this section.

C. A replacement water supply shall provide water of equivalent quality and quantity to that provided by the water supply prior to the contamination, interruption, or diminution of the water supply resulting from the operation of the well. A replacement water supply shall include the provision of necessary storage and service facilities.

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