THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, WAUGH, KITCHEN, COSTA, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, BREWSTER, HUGHES, YUDICHAK AND McILHINNEY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013

AN ACT

- Amending the act of December 22, 2011 (P.L.586, No.127), 1 entitled "An act providing for gas and hazardous liquids 2 pipelines and for powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; and imposing civil penalties," further providing for definitions; and providing for recreational use and for storm water runoff. 5 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 8 9 Section 1. Section 102 of the act of December 22, 2011 10 (P.L.586, No.127), known as the Gas and Hazardous Liquids 11 Pipelines Act, is amended by adding a definition to read: 12 Section 102. Definitions. 13 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall 14 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise: 15 16 * * * 17 "Public land." Land from any State park, State forest, State
- game land, wildlife refuge, waterfowl refuge or municipal public 18
- 19 park.

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- 2 Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:
- 3 Section 702. Recreational use.
- 4 Within counties of the first, second and third class, if a
- 5 pipeline operator purchases or obtains an easement for public
- 6 <u>land</u>, agricultural-easement land or permanently preserved land
- 7 for new or expanded pipelines, the pipeline operator must
- 8 purchase or grant an easement for an equivalent section of land
- 9 within the respective county for public active or passive
- 10 recreational use. The recreational land shall be selected and
- 11 recreationally developed at the direction of the county. No
- 12 other development of the recreational land may occur.
- 13 <u>Section 703. Storm water runoff.</u>
- 14 (a) Duty of pipeline operators. -- Notwithstanding any law or
- 15 regulation to the contrary, a pipeline operator engaged in the
- 16 construction or replacement of pipelines involving the
- 17 alteration or development of land shall assure that the volume
- 18 and maximum rate of storm water runoff after the construction or
- 19 replacement does not exceed the volume and maximum rate of
- 20 runoff that existed prior to the construction or replacement.
- 21 (b) Duty of of Department of Environmental Protection. -- The
- 22 Department of Environmental Protection shall verify compliance
- 23 with this section through 25 Pa. Code Ch. 102 (relating to
- 24 erosion and sediment control) and may promulgate regulations to
- 25 implement this section.
- 26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.