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FOR  
House Bill No. 2437**

(By Delegates Caputo, Manchin, Longstreth,  
Poore, Manypenny, L. Phillips and D. Poling)

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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §22A-6-11; relating to directing the Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety to conduct study of whether to require installation of mining machines automatic shut-offs when methane is detected.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §22A-6-11, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 6. BOARD OF COAL MINE HEALTH AND SAFETY.**

**§22A-6-11. Study of methane detecting shut-off devices.**

1           *Study of Automatic shut-down of mining machines.* -- The  
2 Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety is directed to conduct  
3 a study of the safety of installation of methane detection shut-  
4 off devices on machine extraction apparatus, including, but  
5 not limited to, long wall sheers and cutter heads. The Board  
6 shall study the benefits and appropriateness of requiring the  
7 installation of these devices, to determine if there are safety  
8 benefits, and whether the Board recommends to the  
9 Legislature that requirements regarding mandating these  
10 devices in underground mines is warranted. The Board shall  
11 report to the Legislature's Joint Committee on Government  
12 and Finance by December 31, 2011 with recommendations  
13 regarding whether it is appropriate to implement any  
14 requirements.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Michael T. Ford  
Chairman, House Committee

Paul H. Blair  
Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

Daniel W. Bond  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Darius Holmes  
Clerk of the Senate

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House of Delegates

[Signature]  
Acting President of the Senate

The within is approved this the 30<sup>th</sup>  
day of March, 2011.

Earl Ray Tomblin  
Governor

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