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FOR
House Bill No. 2437

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

Passed March 12, 2011

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage
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.

Study of Automatic shut-down of mining machines. -- The Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety is directed to conduct a study of the safety of installation of methane detection shut-off devices on machine extraction apparatus, including, but not limited to, long wall sheers and cutter heads. The Board shall study the benefits and appropriateness of requiring the installation of these devices, to determine if there are safety benefits, and whether the Board recommends to the Legislature that requirements regarding mandating these devices in underground mines is warranted. The Board shall report to the Legislature's Joint Committee on Government and Finance by December 31, 2011 with recommendations regarding whether it is appropriate to implement any requirements.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

[Signatures]

Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

[Signatures]

Clerk of the House of Delegates
Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates
President of the Senate

The within is approved this the 30th day of May, 2011.

Governor