

HOUSE BILL 1112

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By: **Delegate Platt**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2016

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Gas Storage Wells and Facilities – Safety Regulations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt certain
4 regulations to promote the safety of gas storage wells and facilities in the State; and
5 generally relating to gas storage wells.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Environment
8 Section 14–125
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Environment**

14 14–125.

15 The Department shall adopt regulations:

16 (1) To carry out this subtitle; [and]

17 (2) To establish procedures for imposing and collecting the fees established
18 in accordance with § 14–105 of this subtitle; AND

19 (3) **TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY OF GAS STORAGE WELLS AND**
20 **FACILITIES IN THE STATE, INCLUDING REGULATIONS TO:**

21 (1) **INCREASE A PERMITTEE’S SELF-INSPECTION OF:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **1. THE PERMITTEE'S GAS STORAGE WELLHEADS**
2 **THROUGH USE OF A GAS LEAK DETECTION TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS INFRARED**
3 **IMAGING;**

4 **2. THE MECHANICAL INTEGRITY OF THE PERMITTEE'S**
5 **GAS STORAGE WELLS; AND**

6 **3. THE GAS PRESSURE OR ANNULAR GAS FLOW WITHIN**
7 **THE PERMITTEE'S GAS STORAGE WELLS;**

8 **(II) REQUIRE REGULAR TESTING OF ALL SAFETY VALVES USED**
9 **IN GAS STORAGE WELLS;**

10 **(III) ESTABLISH MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PRESSURE LIMITS FOR**
11 **EACH GAS STORAGE WELL IN THE STATE; AND**

12 **(IV) REQUIRE, FOR EACH GAS STORAGE FACILITY IN THE STATE,**
13 **A COMPREHENSIVE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT EVALUATES AND PREPARES FOR**
14 **RISKS, INCLUDING POTENTIAL CORROSION OF PIPES AND EQUIPMENT.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2016.