

1 **ENROLLED**

2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

3 FOR

4 **H. B. 2437**

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

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8 [Passed March 12, 2011; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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

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

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

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

20 **§22A-6-11. Study of methane detecting shut off devices.**

21 *Study of Automatic shut-down of mining machines.* -- The Board
22 of Coal Mine Health and Safety is directed to conduct a study of
23 the safety of installation of methane detection shut-off devices on
24 machine extraction apparatus, including, but not limited to, long

1 wall sheers and cutter heads. The Office shall study the benefits
2 and appropriateness of requiring the installation of these devices,
3 to determine if there are safety benefits, and whether the Office
4 recommends to the Legislature that requirements regarding mandating
5 these devises in underground mines is warranted. The Office shall
6 report to the Legislature's Joint Committee on Government and
7 Finance by December 31, 2011 with recommendations regarding whether
8 it is appropriate to implement any requirements.