

H. B. 3085

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
adding thereto a new section, designated §21-1-3a, relating to
requiring persons engaged in natural gas horizontal well
drilling activities to annually submit a report to the
Department of Labor identifying the state of residency of the
individuals who perform the well drilling work.

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 §21-1-3a, to read as
follows:

ARTICLE 1. DIVISION OF LABOR.

**§21-1-3a. Duties of employers and owners conducting horizontal
well drilling activities.**

Every employer or owner, including contractors and
subcontractors of an employer and owner, who conducts any
horizontal drilling of a natural gas well or converts any existing

1 well, vent hole or other hole to a horizontal well, including any
2 site preparation work which involves any disturbance of land, shall
3 furnish to the Department of Labor information identifying the
4 residency of all persons employed in any capacity in those drilling
5 activities. For the purpose of this section, a person's residence
6 is the state in which he or she files a state income tax return.
7 The information is required to be submitted to the department no
8 later than January 31 of each year, beginning in the year 2014, for
9 all persons employed, full and part-time, in any capacity in the
10 horizontal drilling activities set forth in this section during the
11 preceding year. In the event a person files more than one state
12 income tax return, that information is also to be submitted.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require persons engaged in natural gas horizontal well drilling activities to annually submit a report to the Department of Labor identifying the state of residency of the individuals who perform the well drilling work.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.