

1 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

2 FOR

3 **H. B. 2585**

4 (By Delegates Border, Anderson, Ireland, Miller, Kessinger,
5 Zatezalo, Kelly, Cadle, R. Smith, L. Phillips and Caputo)

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7 (Originating in the House Committee on Judiciary)

8 [February 27, 2015]

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10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
11 designated §36-4-9b, relating to requiring leaseholders of mineral interests to notify the
12 owners of the minerals in writing when there is an assignment of the lease to another party.

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

14 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
15 section, designated §36-4-9b, to read as follows:

16 **ARTICLE 4. COVENANTS.**

17 **§36-4-9b. Leaseholder of mineral interest; transfer; notice.**

18 In order that owners of the mineral interests may know who is responsible for any severance
19 operations and who is responsible for paying royalties, leaseholders of mineral interests shall notify
20 the owners of the minerals by written notice when there is an assignment of the lease to another
21 party.