

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

for

**H. B. 2585**

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(BY DELEGATE(S) BORDER, ANDERSON,  
IRELAND, MILLER, KESSINGER, ZATEZALO, KELLY, CADLE,  
R. SMITH, L. PHILLIPS AND CAPUTO)

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(Originating in the House Committee on the Judiciary)

[February 27, 2015]

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

*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 §36-4-9b, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4. COVENANTS.

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

- 1 In order that owners of the mineral interests may know who
- 2 is responsible for any severance operations and who is
- 3 responsible for paying royalties, leaseholders of mineral interests
- 4 shall notify the owners of the minerals by written notice when
- 5 there is an assignment of the lease to another party.



