# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

#### **2020 REGULAR SESSION**

# **Originating**

### **Senate Bill 840**

By Senators Smith, Sypolt, Boley, Clements, Cline,
Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, and Swope
[Originating in the Committee on Energy, Industry,
and Mining; reported on February 21, 2020]

- 1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
- designated §22-6A-7A, relating to modifications of well work permits issued by the
- 3 Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Oil and Gas.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

#### §22-6A-7a. Modifications of permits.

- 1 A permit issued pursuant to this article may be modified to address changes to the permit
- 2 so long as the secretary determines that the modification fully meets all applicable requirements
- 3 and would be consistent with the issuance of the original permit.
- The secretary may deny the application for a permit modification as outlined for new
- 5 permits under this article.
- 6 A request to modify a permit issued pursuant to this article shall be on forms prescribed
- 7 by the secretary and accompanied by a fee of \$2,500.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a statutory fee for the modifications to permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Oil and Gas.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.