



*Ensuring the responsible growth of the Marcellus Shale natural gas industry through reasonable community protections, public safety requirements and environmental safeguards ([H.B. 1800](#))*

### **Responsible Public Protections**

- ✓ NO restriction of municipalities' already limited zoning powers
- ✓ NO "forced pooling" or other restriction of property owners' rights
- ✓ Require fuller disclosure of hydraulic fracturing (frac water) chemicals
- ✓ Bolster well bonding and road-repair requirements
- ✓ Update set-back requirements from water sources and DEP permitting discretion
- ✓ Increase civil penalties and fines for violations
- ✓ Extend the presumed liability of a well polluting a water supply
- ✓ Provide cradle-to-grave tracking and increase monitoring of Marcellus wastewater
- ✓ Require dual liner systems with leak detection for open-pit frac water storage
- ✓ Prohibit open-pit frac water storage in flood plains
- ✓ Authorize Conservation Districts to review Erosion and Sedimentation applications
- ✓ Require pre-drilling surveys paid by the permit applicant

### **Reasonable Severance Tax**

#### **Highlights:**

- 30 cents per 1,000 cubic feet of gas severed, with an adjustment mechanism if gas prices change more than 5 percent annually
- Tax credit for companies creating jobs for Pennsylvania workers
- Raise an estimated \$483 million annually after the first year

#### **Revenues directed to:**

- Local and statewide impacts stemming from drilling
- Environmental safeguards, including the Environmental Stewardship Fund
- Infrastructure repairs and improvements

#### **Distribution details:**

- More than \$169 million annually to a Local Government Services Account to be distributed among counties, municipalities and PEMA
- More than \$96 million annually to Pennvest for wastewater treatment plants
- More than \$48 million annually to a restricted PennDOT road and bridge fund
- More than \$72 million annually the Environmental Stewardship Fund
- Nearly \$29 million annually to the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, shared statewide
- More than \$14 million annually to both the Conservation District Fund and the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission.
- More than \$9.6 million annually to the Game Commission, the Hazardous Site Cleanup Fund and to the Oil & Gas Environmental Disaster Recovery Account.