

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2016 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 179**

BY SENATOR MAYNARD

[Introduced January 13, 2016;

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Industry and  
Mining; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact article 3, chapter 64 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as  
 2 amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection, Oil and  
 3 Gas, to promulgate a legislative rule relating to horizontal well development.

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

1 That article 3, chapter 64 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
 2 and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO  
 PROMULGATE LEGISLATIVE RULES.**

**§64-3-1. Department of Environmental Protection, Oil and Gas.**

1 The legislative rule filed in the State Register on July 31, 2015, authorized under the  
 2 authority of section six, article six-a, chapter twenty-two, of this code, modified by the Department  
 3 of Environmental Protection, Oil and Gas to meet the objections of the Legislative Rule-making  
 4 Review Committee and refiled in the State Register on November 23, 2015 relating to the  
 5 Department of Environmental Protection, Oil and Gas (horizontal well development, 35 CSR 8),  
 6 is authorized.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Environmental Protection,  
 to promulgate a legislative rule relating to Oil and Gas Horizontal Well Development.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.