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Introduced by M. of A. MAGEE, CROUCH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the county law, in relation to leases for the exploration and drilling for and extraction of natural gas and liquefied natural gas

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 215 of the county law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4-a to read as follows:

4-A. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISIONS THREE AND FOUR OF THIS SECTION, A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR OTHER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MAY LEASE, UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE BOARD OR BODY SHALL DETERMINE, COUNTY LAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS AND LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS, AS SUCH TERMS ARE DEFINED IN SECTION 23-1705 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, FOR NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AND, IF ANY SUCH GAS IS PRODUCED UPON THE COUNTY LAND PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF SUCH FIVE YEAR LEASE, THE LEASE SHALL BE EXTENDED FOR AS LONG AS NATURAL GAS OR LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS IS PRODUCED IN COMMERCIALLY PAYING QUANTITIES.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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