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### **Senate Republicans Send Statewide Marcellus Shale Drilling Fee Bill To House**

The Senate Tuesday [voted 29 to 20](#) to pass [Senate Bill 1100](#) (Scarnati-R-Jefferson), which includes a uniform, statewide Marcellus Shale drilling fee that would raise \$154.6 million in 2012 and a laundry list of additional environmental protection measures.

House Republicans also this week passed their version of a Marcellus Shale bill-- [House Bill 1950](#) (Ellis-R-Butler)-- which includes a county-optional drilling fee and a dozen provisions strengthening environmental protection measures on Marcellus Shale drilling.

Even though both bills were passed almost exclusively by Republicans in both the Senate and House, there are significantly different in fundamental ways, like on the drilling fee, but in many cases the environmental protection provisions overlap.

The Gov. Corbett and members of the Senate and House have all said they want to pass a final bill by the time the General Assembly adjourns for the year. For the Senate that's December 14 and for the House it's December 20.