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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), entitled "An  
2 act providing for safe drinking water; imposing powers and  
3 duties on the Department of Environmental Resources in  
4 relation thereto; and appropriating certain funds," further  
5 providing for definitions.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The definition of "public water system" in  
9 section 3 of the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), known as  
10 the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act, is amended to read:

11 Section 3. Definitions.

12 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
13 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
14 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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16 "Public water system." As follows:

17 (1) A system for the provision to the public of water  
18 for human consumption which has at least 15 service  
19 connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25

1 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. The term  
2 includes:

3 [(1)] (i) Any collection, treatment, storage and  
4 distribution facilities under control of the operator of  
5 such system and used in connection with such system.

6 [(2)] (ii) Any collection or pretreatment storage  
7 facilities not under such control which are used in  
8 connection with such a system.

9 [(3)] (iii) A system which provides water for  
10 [bottling or] bulk hauling for human consumption[.],  
11 including bulk haulers of water to establishments that  
12 bottle water for human consumption.

13 (iv) A water source used to produce bottled water  
14 for human consumption manufactured at a facility located  
15 in this Commonwealth, regardless of the size of the  
16 bottled water container.

17 (v) A system which provides water for bottling for  
18 human consumption through the use of one or more water  
19 vending machines.

20 (2) The term does not include a food establishment that  
21 bottles water for human consumption and is registered under 3  
22 Pa.C.S. § 5734 (relating to registration of food  
23 establishments), regardless of the size of the bottled water  
24 container.

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26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.