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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, JANUARY 27, 1992

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," further providing for the
21 powers and duties of the Department of Environmental
22 Resources for topographic and geologic surveys.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. Section 1924-A of the act of April 9, 1929
26 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,
27 added December 3, 1970 (P.L.834, No.275), is amended to read:

1 Section 1924-A. Topographic and Geologic Survey.--The
2 Department of Environmental Resources shall have the power, and
3 its duty shall be:

4 (1) To undertake, conduct, and maintain the organization of
5 a thorough and extended survey of the State, for the purpose of
6 elucidating the geology and topography of the State. Such survey
7 shall disclose such chemical analysis and location of ores,
8 coals, oils, clays, soils, fertilizing and of other useful
9 minerals, and of waters, as shall be necessary to afford the
10 agricultural, mining, metallurgical, and other interests of the
11 State, and the public, a clear insight into the character of its
12 resources. It shall also disclose the location and character of
13 such rock formations, as may be useful in the construction of
14 highways, or for any other purpose;

15 (2) To collect such specimens as may be necessary to form a
16 complete cabinet collection of specimens of the geological and
17 mineral resources of the State, and deposit the same in the
18 State Museum;

19 (3) To put the results of the survey, with the results of
20 previous surveys, into form convenient for reference;

21 (4) To collect copies of the surveys of this and other
22 states and countries, and digest the information therein
23 contained, to the end that the survey hereby contemplated may be
24 made as thorough, practical, and convenient as possible;

25 (5) To enter into and upon all lands and localities in this
26 State, which it may be necessary to examine, for the purpose of
27 survey, but, in such entry, no damage to property shall be done;

28 (6) To avail itself as fully as possible of the information
29 maps and surveys, possessed by citizens and corporations of this
30 State, relative to the geology and topography of the State;

1 (7) To transmit all publications of the survey, or any part
2 thereof, to the Department of Property and Supplies, to be
3 copyrighted by the Secretary of Property and Supplies in the
4 name of the Commonwealth;

5 (8) To arrange for the cooperation of the United States
6 Geological Survey, or of such other national organization as may
7 be authorized to engage in such work[.];

8 (9) To distribute copies of Pennsylvania groundwater reports
9 and maps to all community water systems, as defined in section 3
10 of the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), known as the
11 "Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act," and to all public
12 utilities that provide water service, within the meaning of
13 paragraph (1)(ii) of the definition of "public utility" in 66
14 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to definitions), located in or serving
15 the geographic areas covered by such reports and maps.

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