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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1144 Session of  
2003

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INTRODUCED BY GEORGE, BELFANTI, SURRA, COY, CURRY, DeLUCA,  
FLEAGLE, GOODMAN, HARHAI, HORSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KELLER,  
LAUGHLIN, LEACH, LEVDANSKY, McILHATTAN, MUNDY, ROBERTS,  
RUBLEY, SHANER, STABACK, THOMAS, TIGUE, WALKO, WANSACZ,  
WASHINGTON AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 11, 2003

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
APRIL 11, 2003

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AN ACT

1 Authorizing municipalities and the Department of Environmental  
2 Protection to conduct sewage sludge testing on certain lands;  
3 and providing for reports to the General Assembly.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Sewage Sludge  
8 Testing Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

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

13 "Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of  
14 the Commonwealth.

15 Section 3. Sewage sludge testing.

16 (a) Authorization to municipalities.--A municipality may

1 adopt an ordinance or resolution authorizing the municipality to  
2 conduct tests of land for the application of sewage sludge and  
3 providing that the expense of such tests shall be paid by:

4 (1) the entity that applied the sewage sludge;

5 (2) the owner of the land; or

6 (3) the transporter of the sewage sludge.

7 (b) Authorization to department.--Upon written complaint of  
8 any person, the department may enter upon any land in this  
9 Commonwealth and conduct tests of such land for the application  
10 of sewage sludge without prior notice to the owner of the land.

11 Section 4. Reports.

12 The department shall submit an annual report to the General  
13 Assembly on the complaints received and the testing conducted by  
14 the department under this act.

15 Section 5. Effective date.

16 This act shall take effect in 60 days.