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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
MAY 20, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to review
2 the Commonwealth's program for beneficial use of sewage
3 sludge by land application.

4 WHEREAS, In 1997, the Commonwealth established regulations
5 for the beneficial use of sewage sludge, more commonly referred
6 to as biosolids, by land application; and

7 WHEREAS, The regulations are published under 25 Pa. Code Ch.
8 271 Subch. J (relating to beneficial use of sewage sludge by
9 land application); and

10 WHEREAS, Subchapter J establishes standards for general and
11 individual land application of biosolids permits for the
12 beneficial use of biosolids by land application; and

13 WHEREAS, The standards consist of general requirements,
14 pollutant limits, management practices and operational
15 standards; and

16 WHEREAS, Subchapter J also includes pathogen and alternative

1 vector attraction reduction requirements; and

2 WHEREAS, The standards in Subchapter J include reporting
3 requirements and the frequency of monitoring and recordkeeping
4 requirements when biosolids are applied to the land for
5 beneficial use; and

6 WHEREAS, A comprehensive review of the Commonwealth's program
7 for the beneficial use of biosolids by land application has not
8 been conducted since the Study on Land Application of Sewage
9 Sludge in Pennsylvania in 1997; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
11 undertake a comprehensive review of the beneficial use of
12 biosolids by land application and prepare a report of its
13 findings which shall, at a minimum, identify all of the
14 following:

15 (1) The methods currently used for biosolids use and
16 disposal in this Commonwealth.

17 (2) The costs involved with current methods of biosolids
18 use and disposal.

19 (3) The methods used to administer and enforce the
20 program established under 25 Pa. Code Ch. 271 Subch. J
21 (relating to beneficial use of sewage sludge by land
22 application) by the Department of Environmental Protection.

23 (4) All appropriate alternatives to current use and
24 disposal methods employed in this Commonwealth and in other
25 states, particularly in regard to their economic feasibility
26 and effects on the environment and on public health in
27 comparison to current use and disposal methods;

28 and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
30 make a report of its findings and recommendations to the House

1 of Representatives within one year of adoption of this
2 resolution.