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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, APRIL 12, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 66 (Public
2 Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in
3 municipal authorities, providing for customer notice of
4 atypical water usage; and, in rates and distribution systems,
5 providing for customer notice of atypical water usage.

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

8 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

10 § 5624. Customer notice of atypical water usage.

11 A municipal authority shall provide notice to utility
12 customers if the municipal authority determines that the water
13 usage has increased by 50% for one month above the average water
14 usage for the property. The municipal authority shall make
15 reasonable efforts via telephone and electronic mail to inform
16 the utility customer of the increase in usage and assist the
17 utility customer in identifying potential leaks or other
18 wasteful inefficiencies on the property.

1 Section 2. Title 66 is amended by adding a section to read:

2 § 1354.1. Customer notice of atypical water usage.

3 A public utility shall provide notice to utility customers if
4 the public utility determines that the water usage has increased
5 by 50% for one month above the average water usage for the
6 property. The public utility shall make reasonable efforts via
7 telephone and electronic mail to inform the utility customer of
8 the increase in usage and assist the utility customer in
9 identifying potential leaks or other wasteful inefficiencies on
10 the property.

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.