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OCTOBER 4, 1988

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, OCTOBER 4, 1988

AN ACT

1 Providing for radon testing in public buildings; conferring
2 powers and duties on the Department of Environmental
3 Resources; and making an appropriation.

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 Public
8 Building Radon Detection 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 Resources of
14 the Commonwealth.

15 "Public building." A building owned or leased by the
16 Commonwealth or a political subdivision.

1 Section 3. Program.

2 (a) Testing.--The department shall test all public buildings
3 for the presence of radon. Testing shall be done on all ground
4 floors and below-ground floors. Test results of 4 pCi/l are
5 acceptable. Test results exceeding 4 pCi/l require retesting.
6 Retest results exceeding 4 pCi/l indicate a health risk. Each
7 building shall be tested every five years.

8 (b) Results.--Test results under subsection (a) shall be
9 transmitted to the governmental entity that is in control of the
10 building. Test results under subsection (a) are public records.
11 Test results under subsection (a) shall be maintained by the
12 department for five years and shall be available for public
13 inspection.

14 Section 4. Regulations.

15 The department shall promulgate regulations to administer
16 this act.

17 Section 5. Appropriation.

18 The sum of \$3,000,000, or as much thereof as may be
19 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of
20 Environmental Resources for the fiscal year July 1, 1988, to
21 June 30, 1989, to carry out the provisions of this act.

22 Section 6. Effective date.

23 This act shall take effect as follows:

24 (1) Section 4 and this section shall take effect
25 immediately.

26 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 90
27 days.