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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), entitled "An
2 act providing for safe drinking water; imposing powers and
3 duties on the Department of Environmental Resources in
4 relation thereto; and appropriating certain funds," further
5 providing for testing by the Department of Environmental
6 Resources.

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

9 Section 1. Sections 8 and 9 of the act of May 1, 1984
10 (P.L.206, No.43), known as the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water
11 Act, are amended to read:

12 Section 8. Inspections and recordkeeping requirements.

13 (a) Department authorized to inspect, test, etc.--The
14 department is authorized to make inspections and conduct tests
15 or sampling, including the examination and copying of books,
16 papers, records and data, pertinent to any matter under
17 investigation in order to determine compliance with this act and
18 for this purpose, the duly authorized agents and employees of

1 the department are authorized at all reasonable times to enter
2 and examine any property, facility, operation or activity.

3 (b) Department authorized to establish recordkeeping
4 requirements.--The department and its agents are authorized to
5 require any supplier of water to establish and maintain such
6 records and make such reports and furnish such information as
7 the department may prescribe as being necessary to demonstrate
8 that the supplier is complying with the requirements of this act
9 and with the terms and conditions of its water supply permit.

10 (c) Required testing.--The department shall require, not
11 less than once a month, all public water suppliers to conduct
12 giardiasis tests of each water source which supplies water for
13 public consumption, unless a more frequent testing schedule is
14 determined to be necessary by the department. If any test
15 indicates positive results, the department shall require weekly
16 testing of the water source for a period not exceeding three
17 months.

18 Section 9. Laboratories.

19 (a) Department to establish standards of performance.--The
20 department shall establish standards of performance, by rule or
21 regulation, for laboratories and laboratory officers which
22 conduct analytical measurements for the purpose of ascertaining
23 compliance by public water systems, including bottled and bulk
24 water operations, with the requirements of this act.

25 (b) Items to be included in standards.--Such standards may
26 include, but are not limited to, equipment, laboratory
27 procedures, standards for analytical methods, quality control,
28 staffing, records, reports and any other matters that may affect
29 the quality and reliability of laboratory performance.

30 (c) Laboratories to be inspected.--The department shall

1 periodically inspect and certify laboratories and laboratory
2 offices that meet the standards established under subsection
3 (a).

4 (d) Notification.--In any case where the tests required by
5 section 8(c) indicate positive results, the testing laboratory
6 shall notify the public water supplier from which the sample was
7 obtained of the results within one hour after the test results
8 are confirmed.

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