
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1565 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY HAHN, CAUSER, BAKER, MILLARD, MALONEY, HEFFLEY,
GINGRICH AND EVERETT, JUNE 20, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
JUNE 20, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act To preserve and improve the purity of the
3 waters of the Commonwealth for the protection of public
4 health, animal and aquatic life, and for industrial
5 consumption, and recreation; empowering and directing the
6 creation of indebtedness or the issuing of non-debt revenue
7 bonds by political subdivisions to provide works to abate
8 pollution; providing protection of water supply and water
9 quality; providing for the jurisdiction of courts in the
10 enforcement thereof; providing additional remedies for
11 abating pollution of waters; imposing certain penalties;
12 repealing certain acts; regulating discharges of sewage and
13 industrial wastes; regulating the operation of mines and
14 regulating the impact of mining upon water quality, supply
15 and quantity; placing responsibilities upon landowners and
16 land occupiers and to maintain primary jurisdiction over
17 surface coal mining in Pennsylvania," further providing for
18 potential pollution.

19 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
20 hereby enacts as follows:

21 Section 1. Section 402 of the act of June 22, 1937
22 (P.L.1987, No.394), known as The Clean Streams Law, is amended
23 by adding a subsection to read:

24 Section 402. Potential Pollution.--* * *

25 (c) The use or installation of riparian buffers and riparian

1 forest buffers shall not be required under this section.
2 Riparian buffers and riparian forest buffers may be used as a
3 choice among best management practices, design standards and
4 alternatives to minimize the potential for accelerated erosion
5 and sedimentation and to protect, maintain, reclaim and restore
6 water quality and for existing and designated uses.

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