

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY WAUGH, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, COSTA, WASHINGTON,
FARNESE, KASUNIC, FERLO, HUGHES AND SOLOBAY, APRIL 16, 2013

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, APRIL 16, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), entitled "An
2 act providing for the planning and regulation of solid waste
3 storage, collection, transportation, processing, treatment,
4 and disposal; requiring municipalities to submit plans for
5 municipal waste management systems in their jurisdictions;
6 authorizing grants to municipalities; providing regulation of
7 the management of municipal, residual and hazardous waste;
8 requiring permits for operating hazardous waste and solid
9 waste storage, processing, treatment, and disposal
10 facilities; and licenses for transportation of hazardous
11 waste; imposing duties on persons and municipalities;
12 granting powers to municipalities; authorizing the
13 Environmental Quality Board and the Department of
14 Environmental Resources to adopt rules, regulations,
15 standards and procedures; granting powers to and imposing
16 duties upon county health departments; providing remedies;
17 prescribing penalties; and establishing a fund," providing
18 for testing prior to sewage sludge application.

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

21 Section 1. The act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), known
22 as the Solid Waste Management Act, is amended by adding a
23 section to read:

24 Section 509. Testing prior to sewage sludge application.

25 A landowner that receives notice in accordance with 25 Pa.

26 Code § 271.913(g) (relating to general requirements) may request

1 the department to test the well water on the subject property to
2 determine, at a minimum, baseline levels of nitrates,
3 Escherichia coli, fecal coliform and total coliform. Testing
4 shall be conducted prior to the land application of sewage
5 sludge at the expense of the department.

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