

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1401

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE OBERLANDER

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 11, by inserting after "TAX"  
2 and for regulatory authority of the Department of Environmental  
3 Protection and the Environmental Quality Board

4 Amend Bill, page 36, by inserting between lines 5 and 6

5 Section 2405. Limitations on regulatory authority.

6 (a) Department of Environmental Protection.--The following  
7 apply to actions of the Department of Environmental Protection:

8 (1) From funds appropriated to the Department of  
9 Environmental Protection, the department may not adopt,  
10 promulgate or submit for public comment regulations,  
11 technical guidance documents, general permits, general permit  
12 revisions, permit conditions or rulemaking of any kind for a  
13 period of 24 months after the effective date of this section.

14 (2) From funds appropriated to the Department of  
15 Environmental Protection, the department shall reassign  
16 technical policy staff to process and review permit  
17 applications and to issue permits for applications that are  
18 administratively and technically complete.

19 (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Department of  
20 Environmental Protection may adopt or promulgate technical  
21 guidance documents or policy statements to protect or  
22 preserve the health, safety or welfare of the people of this  
23 Commonwealth in order to avoid or mitigate an imminent or  
24 occurring emergency or other natural disaster.

25 (b) Environmental Quality Board.--The following apply to  
26 actions of the Environmental Quality Board:

27 (1) From funds appropriated to the Environmental Quality  
28 Board, the board shall not adopt, promulgate or consider  
29 regulations, policy statements, permit conditions, technical  
30 guidance documents or rulemaking of any kind for a period of  
31 24 months following the effective date of this section.

32 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Environmental  
33 Quality Board may promulgate regulations to protect or  
34 preserve the health, safety or welfare of the people of this  
35 Commonwealth in order to avoid or mitigate an imminent or  
36 occurring emergency or other natural disaster.

37 Amend Bill, page 36, line 6, by striking out "2405" and

1 inserting

2 2406