AN ACT

Amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, providing for Abandoned Manufacturing Sites Registry.

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

Section 1. Title 27 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

CHAPTER 9

ABANDONED MANUFACTURING SITES

Subchapter
A. Abandoned Manufacturing Sites Registry
B. (Reserved)

SUBCHAPTER A

ABANDONED MANUFACTURING SITES REGISTRY

Sec.
§ 901. Scope of subchapter.

This subchapter relates to the Abandoned Manufacturing Sites Registry.

§ 902. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Abandoned manufacturing site." Real property:

(1) The expansion, redevelopment or reuse of which may involve remediation to contain, neutralize or remove a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant resulting from previous use of the property.

(2) That has been abandoned and the property owner has given up dominion or that is vacant.

(3) That may be listed as a brownfield site in the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Public Law 107-118, 115 Stat. 2356), or involved in remediation under the act of May 19, 1995 (P.L.4, No.2), known as the Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act.

(4) Located in an economic cluster, including one of the following energy-driven sectors:

   (i) petrochemicals;

   (ii) advanced materials; or

   (iii) data-driven manufacturing.
For which cleaning up and reinvesting may improve the environment, reduce blight and remove development pressures on green spaces.

“ADVANCED MATERIALS.” MANUFACTURING SEGMENTS SUCH AS GLASS, CEMENT, STEEL, ALUMINUM, ADVANCED GLASS AND FIBER COMPONENTS FOR ELECTRONICS AND CONSUMER MEDIA DEVICES AND ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS SUCH AS LIGHTWEIGHT CONCRETE, RECYCLED PLASTICS, HIGH-STRENGTH METALS AND NANOFIBERS.

“DATA-DRIVEN MANUFACTURING.” THE USE OF ANALYTICS, AI AND ROBOTICS FOR DATA CENTERS AND FABRICATED MATERIALS, COMPONENTS AND ADDITIVE MATERIALS MANUFACTURING.

“Department.” The Department of Community and Economic Development of the Commonwealth.

“Registry.” The Abandoned Manufacturing Sites Registry established in this chapter.

§ 903. Abandoned Manufacturing Sites Registry.

(a) Establishment.—The Abandoned Manufacturing Sites Registry is established. The department, OR A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY WITH WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAS AN AGREEMENT, shall implement and administer the registry in accordance with this chapter.

(b) Purpose.—The registry shall contain a list of abandoned manufacturing sites.

(c) Information included.—The registry shall include the following information for each abandoned manufacturing site:

(1) The name and contact information of the current owner of the abandoned manufacturing site.

(2) The legal description of the abandoned manufacturing site.

(3) A current description of the condition of the real property and a note as to whether the property is a
brownfield site as defined in the Small Business Liability
Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Public Law 107-
118, 115 Stat. 2356), or involved in the act of May 19, 1995
(P.L.4, No.2), known as the Land Recycling and Environmental
Remediation Standards Act.

(D) REQUIREMENT.--ALL ABANDONED MANUFACTURING SITES OWNED BY
THE COMMONWEALTH OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL BE LISTED ON
THE REGISTRY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF VACANCY.

(E) REPORT.--ON OR BEFORE THE SECOND MARCH 30 OF THE
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, AND EVERY SUBSEQUENT MARCH 30
THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE
CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC
AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, THE
CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED
TO:

(1) THE NUMBER OF PROPERTIES, BY COUNTY, ON THE REGISTRY
DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR;

(2) THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE REGISTRY HAS BEEN ACCESSED
IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR;

(3) ANY PERCEIVED ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE PRIOR YEAR;

(4) THE PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR TO IMPROVE PROCESSES
AND PROCEDURES; AND

(5) ANY DIFFICULTIES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
REGISTRY EXPERIENCED.

§ 904. Departmental duties.
The department shall:

(1) ESTABLISH INFORMATION SHARING PROCEDURES FOR LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS, REGIONAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, LOCAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ENTITIES AND OTHER RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS TO
OBTAIN NECESSARY INFORMATION AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 903 (RELATING TO ABANDONED MANUFACTURING SITES REGISTRY).

(1) Establish procedures for the completeness and accuracy of information in the registry.

(2) Keep an updated registry database on the department's publicly accessible Internet website. The registry shall be clearly defined on and easily navigable from the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

(3) Promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the department's duty to maintain the registry.

§ 905. Fees prohibited.

The department may not assess a fee for the dissemination of registry information to Internet users.

SUBCHAPTER B

(Reserved)

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