

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY ZUG, NAILOR, BELARDI, MELIO, JAMES, HENNESSEY,  
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JUNE 3, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
JUNE 3, 1997

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," requiring  
18 municipal approval for the application of sewage sludge.

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

21 Section 1. Section 504 of the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380,  
22 No.97), known as the Solid Waste Management Act, is amended to  
23 read:

24 Section 504. Approval by governing body.

25 (a) General rule.--Applications for a permit shall be

1 reviewed by the appropriate county, county planning agency or  
2 county health department where they exist and the host  
3 municipality, and they may recommend to the department  
4 conditions upon, revisions to, or disapproval of the permit only  
5 if specific cause is identified. In such case the department  
6 shall be required to publish in the Pennsylvania Bulletin its  
7 justification for overriding the county's recommendations. If  
8 the department does not receive comments within 60 days, the  
9 county shall be deemed to have waived its right to review.

10 (b) Sewage sludge.--The application of sewage sludge on any  
11 field or other area for fertilization purposes shall require the  
12 approval of the governing body of the municipality encompassing  
13 such property.

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