

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 17, 1984

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled
2 "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending,
3 revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating
4 thereto," ~~permitting~~ MAKING PROVISION FOR public water <—
5 service recipients to tap into public water service for the
6 purpose of providing a sufficient water supply for the
7 operation of residential groundwater heat pumps.

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

10 Section 1. Section 102 of the act of June 24, 1931
11 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code,
12 reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P.L.1955, No.569), is
13 amended by adding clauses to read:

14 Section 102. Definitions.--The following words, terms and
15 phrases, as used in this act, shall have the meanings herein
16 assigned to them unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

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18 (d) "Residential groundwater heat pump," a mechanical system

1 designed to utilize the natural heat of the earth by extracting
2 the heat energy in groundwater to provide residential heating,
3 and by extracting the heat from the air and dissipating it into
4 the groundwater to provide residential cooling including, but
5 not limited to, such components as, water-to-refrigerant heat
6 exchanger, refrigerant-to-air heat exchanger, refrigerant-to-
7 water heat exchanger, and refrigerant compressor.

8 (e) "Groundwater," shall mean water from aquifers, lakes,
9 wells and any other occurrences of water in and under the
10 ground, whether percolating or otherwise, located on the
11 residential property, and from privately distributed or
12 municipally distributed water systems.

13 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

14 Section 2709.3. Water Supply for Groundwater Heat Pumps.--
15 Every township providing for a supply of water shall MAY permit <—
16 the tapping of a water pipeline for the purpose of providing a
17 sufficient water supply for the operation of residential
18 groundwater heat pumps utilizing a closed loop system.

19 Every township shall charge a one-time tapping fee, not to
20 exceed the normal tap fee for the cost of water service,
21 whenever the owner of any such groundwater heat pump connects
22 such heat pump with a water pipeline. The one-time tapping fee
23 shall constitute the total extent of the charges and fees and
24 there shall be no other extraordinary charges and fees.

25 Accordingly, the township shall not fix, charge or collect any
26 rates or other charges for the supply of water to the
27 groundwater heat pump system.

28 The contractor or supplier of water shall have the
29 unconditional right, at any reasonable time, to inspect the
30 groundwater heat pump connections to the water system to insure

- 1 the exclusive use of the public water for supply to the
- 2 groundwater heat pump system.
- 3 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.