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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
MARCH 19, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), entitled
2 "An act providing for planning for the processing and
3 disposal of municipal waste; requiring counties to submit
4 plans for municipal waste management systems within their
5 boundaries; authorizing grants to counties and municipalities
6 for planning, resource recovery and recycling; imposing and
7 collecting fees; establishing certain rights for host
8 municipalities; requiring municipalities to implement
9 recycling programs; requiring Commonwealth agencies to
10 procure recycled materials; imposing duties; granting powers
11 to counties and municipalities; authorizing the Environmental
12 Quality Board to adopt regulations; authorizing the
13 Department of Environmental Resources to implement this act;
14 providing remedies; prescribing penalties; establishing a
15 fund; and making repeals," further providing for performance
16 grants for municipal recycling programs; and making editorial
17 changes.

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

20 Section 1. The title of the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556,
21 No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and
22 Waste Reduction Act, is amended to read:

23 "An act providing for planning for the processing and

1 disposal of municipal waste; requiring counties to submit plans
2 for municipal waste management systems within their boundaries;
3 authorizing grants to counties and municipalities for planning,
4 resource recovery and recycling; imposing and collecting fees;
5 establishing certain rights for host municipalities; requiring
6 municipalities to implement recycling programs; requiring
7 Commonwealth agencies to procure recycled materials; imposing
8 duties; granting powers to counties and municipalities;
9 authorizing the Environmental Quality Board to adopt
10 regulations; authorizing the [Department of Environmental
11 Resources] Department of Environmental Protection to implement
12 this act; providing remedies; prescribing penalties;
13 establishing a fund; and making repeals."

14 Section 2. The definition of "Department" in section 103 of
15 the act is amended to read:

16 Section 103. Definitions.

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

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21 "Department." The [Department of Environmental Resources]
22 Department of Environmental Protection of the Commonwealth and
23 its authorized representatives.

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25 Section 3. Section 904 of the act is amended by adding
26 subsections to read:

27 Section 904. Performance grants for municipal recycling
28 programs.

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30 (e) Weight slips.--The department shall expedite the grant

1 process by allowing regional offices of the department to check
2 weight slips, and the department shall process grant
3 applications as they are received.

4 (f) Private or nonprofit operation.--This section shall also
5 apply to a private or nonprofit recycling operation recognized
6 by a municipality through a written agreement.

7 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.