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HARHART, LEDERER, MELIO, PALLONE, STEELMAN, TIGUE, TRICH AND  
KIRKLAND, JULY 11, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, JULY 11, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for mandatory testing of  
3 public drinking water.

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

6 Section 1. Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 531. Mandatory testing of public drinking water.

9 (a) General rule.--The commission, in cooperation with the  
10 Department of Environmental Protection, shall establish a  
11 program of mandatory periodic testing of public drinking water.

12 (b) Testing process.--The testing process shall include  
13 testing for MTBE trace compounds and other such contaminants.  
14 Test results shall be made public.

15 (c) Regulations.--The commission, in cooperation with the  
16 department, shall promulgate regulations establishing the  
17 maximum allowable content of impurities, including MTBE trace  
18 compounds and other such contaminants, in public drinking water.

1       Section 2.   Testing under 66 Pa.C.S. § 531(b) shall begin no  
2 later than six months after the effective date of this act.

3       Section 3.   The regulations required under 66 Pa.C.S. §  
4 531(c) shall be promulgated no later than one year after the  
5 effective date of this act.

6       Section 4.   This act shall take effect immediately.