

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
FEBRUARY 8, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the planning and
3 regulation of community sewage systems and individual sewage
4 systems; requiring municipalities to submit plans for systems
5 in their jurisdiction; authorizing grants; requiring permits
6 for persons installing such systems; requiring disclosure
7 statements in certain land sale contracts; authorizing the
8 Department of Environmental Resources to adopt and administer
9 rules, regulations, standards and procedures; creating an
10 advisory committee; providing remedies and prescribing
11 penalties," further providing for official plans.

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

14 Section 1. Section 5(a) of the act of January 24, 1966 (1965
15 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities
16 Act, amended December 14, 1994 (P.L.1250, No.149), is amended to
17 read:

18 Section 5. Official Plans.--(a) (1) Each municipality
19 shall submit to the department an officially adopted plan for
20 sewage services for areas within its jurisdiction within such
21 reasonable period as the department may prescribe, and shall
22 from time to time submit revisions of such plan as may be

1 required by rules and regulations adopted hereunder or by order
2 of the department: Provided, however, That a municipality may at
3 any time initiate and submit to the department revisions of the
4 said plan. Revisions shall conform to the requirements of
5 subsection (d) of this section and the rules and regulations of
6 the department.

7 (2) Each municipality shall, at least thirty days prior to
8 holding the required public hearing considering revisions to the
9 municipality's plan for sewage services to the department,
10 notify in writing each property owner in areas where community
11 sewage systems are planned to be available within a ten-year
12 period. This notification shall include information as
13 appropriate that describes any requirements for a property owner
14 not part of a community sewage system to connect to such system.

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