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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 17, 1978 (P.L.15, No.9), entitled "An  
2 act to regulate the sale and distribution for agricultural  
3 purposes of ground limestone, burned and hydrated lime and  
4 related products in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;  
5 conferring powers and imposing duties on the Secretary of  
6 Agriculture; establishing fees; making an appropriation and  
7 prescribing penalties," further providing for labeling.

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

10 Section 1. Section 4(a) and (e) of the act of March 17, 1978  
11 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Agricultural Liming Materials Act,  
12 are amended to read:

13 Section 4. Labeling.

14 (a) Agricultural liming materials sold, offered or exposed  
15 for sale in the Commonwealth shall have affixed to each package  
16 in a conspicuous manner on the outside thereof a plainly  
17 printed, stamped or otherwise marked label or tag, or, in the  
18 case of bulk sales, a delivery slip setting forth at least the  
19 following information:

20 (1) The name and principal office address of the

1 manufacturer or distributor.

2 (2) The brand or trade name of the material.

3 (3) The identification of the product as to the type of  
4 the agricultural liming material.

5 (4) The net weight of the agricultural liming material.

6 (5) The minimum percentage of calcium oxide and  
7 magnesium oxide and/or calcium carbonate and magnesium  
8 carbonate.

9 (6) Calcium carbonate equivalent as determined by  
10 methods prescribed by the Association of Official Analytical  
11 Chemists. Minimum calcium carbonate equivalents as prescribed  
12 by regulation.

13 (7) The minimum percent by weight passing through United  
14 States Standard sieves as prescribed by regulations.

15 (8) The minimum percentage of molybdenum (Mo).

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17 (e) The secretary may, after a public hearing, require by  
18 regulation thereafter that the minimum percentage of calcium  
19 oxide [and], magnesium oxide and molybdenum shall be expressed  
20 in the following form:

21 Total Calcium (Ca) \_\_\_\_\_percent

22 Total Magnesium (Mg) \_\_\_\_\_percent

23 Total Molybdenum (Mo) \_\_\_\_\_percent

24 The secretary may not impose such regulatory standards if they  
25 conflict with labeling requirements of other states and if they  
26 would thereby constitute an economic hardship on the industry  
27 due to dual labeling requirements. The effective date of said  
28 regulation shall not be less than 18 months following the  
29 adoption of regulations. For a period of two years following the  
30 effective date of the regulations the equivalent of calcium and

1 magnesium may also be shown in the form of calcium oxide and  
2 magnesium oxide.  
3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.