
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY YAW, BROWNE, HUGHES, FONTANA, J. WARD, BREWSTER
AND BARTOLOTTA, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 20 through 24, 2021, as
2 "SepticSmart Week" in Pennsylvania to increase awareness of
3 the importance of proper maintenance and service of on-lot
4 septic systems.

5 WHEREAS, More than 25% of Pennsylvanians rely on septic
6 systems; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's on-lot septic systems are a natural,
8 environmentally friendly method of treating household water
9 without straining local waste treatment facilities; and

10 WHEREAS, Average indoor use of water in a typical single-
11 family home is approximately 150 to 300 gallons a day and
12 filters through a septic system where beneficial living
13 organisms digest and break down the waste; and

14 WHEREAS, Proper maintenance of an on-lot septic system is
15 necessary to avoid tens of thousands of dollars in repair costs;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Consumers who do not monitor and maintain their on-
18 lot septic systems risk overloading the system which can cause
19 costly repairs resulting in complications when selling the

1 property; and

2 WHEREAS, Professional septic system providers and the United
3 States Environmental Protection Agency recommend periodic
4 pumping and maintenance of an on-lot septic system; and

5 WHEREAS, The National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association
6 and the Pennsylvania Septage Management Association have search
7 engines to help consumers locate providers who will advise them
8 on establishing proper maintenance and service schedules for
9 their on-lot septic systems; and

10 WHEREAS, Efforts should be made to promote awareness of the
11 importance of properly maintaining and servicing an on-lot
12 septic system; and

13 WHEREAS, Members of the Pennsylvania Septage Management
14 Association have made consumer education a major priority;
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of September 20
17 through 24, 2021, as "SepticSmart Week" in Pennsylvania to
18 increase awareness of the importance of proper maintenance and
19 service of on-lot septic systems.