

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 17, 1984

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), entitled
2 "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending,
3 revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto,"
4 ~~permitting~~ MAKING PROVISION FOR public water service <—
5 recipients to tap into public water service for the purpose
6 of providing a sufficient water supply for the operation of
7 residential groundwater heat pumps.

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

10 Section 1. Section 102 of the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932,
11 No.317), known as The Third Class City Code, reenacted and
12 amended June 28, 1951 (P.L.662, No.164), is amended by adding
13 clauses to read:

14 Section 102. Definitions.--The following words and terms, as
15 used in this act, shall have the meanings herein assigned to
16 them, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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18 "Residential groundwater heat pump," a mechanical system

designed to utilize the natural heat of the earth by extracting the heat energy in groundwater to provide residential heating and by extracting the heat from the air and dissipating it into the groundwater to provide residential cooling including, but not limited to, such components as water-to-refrigerant heat exchanger, refrigerant-to-air heat exchanger, refrigerant-to-water heat exchanger and refrigerant compressor.

"Groundwater," water from aquifers, lakes, wells and any other occurrences of water in and under the ground, whether percolating or otherwise, located on the residential property, and from privately distributed or municipally distributed water systems.

Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 3501.1. Water Supply for Groundwater Heat Pumps.--

Every city which supplies the city with water and such persons, partnerships and corporations therein as may desire the same shall MAY permit the tapping of a water pipeline for the purpose of providing a sufficient water supply for the operation of groundwater heat pumps.

Every city shall charge a one-time tapping fee, not to exceed the normal tap fee for the cost of water service, whenever the owner of any such groundwater heat pump connects such heat pump with a water pipeline. The one-time tapping fee shall constitute the extent of the charges and fees and there shall be no other extraordinary charges and fees. Accordingly, the city shall not fix, charge or collect any rates or other charges for the supply of water to the groundwater heat pump system utilizing a closed loop system.

The contractor or supplier of water shall have the unconditional right, at any reasonable time, to inspect the

1 groundwater heat pump connections to the water system to insure
2 the exclusive use of the public water for supply to the
3 groundwater heat pump system.

4 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.