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AN ACT

1 Requiring the Department of Environmental Resources to notify
2 affected legislators of permit and license actions.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Environmental
7 Action Information Act.

8 Section 2. Declaration of policy.

9 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

10 (1) The department administers several programs that
11 involve permits and licenses.

12 (2) The permits and licenses under paragraph (1) are of
13 great interest to citizens in the areas of the permitted and
14 licensed activities.

15 (3) The citizens referred to in paragraph (2) have the
16 right to communicate with their elected representatives

1 concerning the permitted and licensed activities.

2 (4) Members of the General Assembly have been having
3 difficulty obtaining from the department information on
4 permitted and licensed activities. This difficulty has
5 impeded the communication under paragraph (3).

6 (5) A better system of information on permits and
7 licenses managed by the department is required.

8 Section 3. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Application." An application for a permit or a license, a
13 request to modify a permit or a license, or a notification of
14 the generation of a hazardous substance.

15 "Department." The Department of Environmental Resources of
16 the Commonwealth.

17 Section 4. Information.

18 (a) Initial.--Within three business days of receiving an
19 application, the department shall notify the members of the
20 General Assembly who represent the area in which the permitted
21 or licensed activity will take place by sending them a copy of
22 the application. If the activity which is the subject of the
23 application involves in-transit storage, the department shall
24 note that fact on the copy of the application that is sent.

25 (b) Continuing.--If a member of the General Assembly
26 requests a status report on a permit or a license, the
27 department shall respond within one business day.

28 Section 5. Noncompliance.

29 If the department fails to comply with section 4, the permit
30 or license shall be void.

1 Section 6. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect in 60 days.