

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY HERMAN, STEIGHNER, BELARDI, HASAY, MORRIS, TRELLO,
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WOGAN AND SIRIANNI, MARCH 14, 1988

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, MARCH 14, 1988

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), entitled "An
2 act providing for safe drinking water; imposing powers and
3 duties on the Department of Environmental Resources in
4 relation thereto; and appropriating certain funds," further
5 providing for testing by the department.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Sections 8 and 9 of the act of May 1, 1984
9 (P.L.206, No.43), known as the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water
10 Act, are amended by adding subsections to read:

11 Section 8. Inspections and recordkeeping requirements.

12 (a) Department authorized to inspect, test, etc.--The
13 department is authorized to make inspections and conduct tests
14 or sampling, including the examination and copying of books,
15 papers, records and data, pertinent to any matter under
16 investigation in order to determine compliance with this act and
17 for this purpose, the duly authorized agents and employees of
18 the department are authorized at all reasonable times to enter
19 and examine any property, facility, operation or activity.

(b) Department authorized to establish recordkeeping requirements.--The department and its agents are authorized to require any supplier of water to establish and maintain such records and make such reports and furnish such information as the department may prescribe as being necessary to demonstrate that the supplier is complying with the requirements of this act and with the terms and conditions of its water supply permit.

(c) Required testing.--The department shall require all public water suppliers to conduct giardiasis tests of each water source which supplies water for public consumption not less than once a month, unless a more frequent testing schedule is determined to be necessary by the department. If any test indicates positive results, the department shall require weekly testing of the water source for a period not exceeding three months.

Section 9. Laboratories.

(a) Department to establish standards of performance.--The department shall establish standards of performance, by rule or regulation, for laboratories and laboratory officers which conduct analytical measurements for the purpose of ascertaining compliance by public water systems, including bottled and bulk water operations, with the requirements of this act.

(b) Items to be included in standards.--Such standards may include, but are not limited to, equipment, laboratory procedures, standards for analytical methods, quality control, staffing, records, reports and any other matters that may affect the quality and reliability of laboratory performance.

(c) Laboratories to be inspected.--The department shall periodically inspect and certify laboratories and laboratory offices that meet the standards established under subsection

1 (a).

2 (d) Notification.--In any case where the tests required by
3 section 8(c) indicate positive results, the testing laboratory
4 shall notify the public water supplier from which the sample was
5 obtained of the results within one hour after the test results
6 are confirmed.

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