

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 696**      Session of  
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RHOADES, BOSCOLA, STOUT, LEMMOND AND STACK, MARCH 27, 2001

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, MARCH 27, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 6, 1989 (P.L.169, No.32), entitled, as  
2 amended, "An act providing for the regulation of storage  
3 tanks and tank facilities; imposing additional powers and  
4 duties on the Department of Environmental Protection and the  
5 Environmental Quality Board; and making an appropriation,"  
6 providing for certain notification when there are releases  
7 from underground storage tanks.

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

10 Section 1. Section 904 of the act of July 6, 1989 (P.L.169,  
11 No.32), known as the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, is  
12 amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 904. Notification.

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15 (e) Releases from underground storage tanks.--Upon the  
16 occurrence of a release from an underground storage tank, the  
17 owner or operator of the storage tank shall immediately notify  
18 the appropriate regional office of the department. The owner or  
19 operator shall notify the department, as soon as practicable,  
20 but no later than two hours after the confirmation of a

1 reportable release. Within 15 days of the notice required under  
2 this subsection, the owner or operator shall provide written  
3 notification to the department and to the municipality in which  
4 the reportable release has occurred. The written notification  
5 shall describe, to the extent the information is available, the  
6 regulated substance involved in the release, the quantity of the  
7 substance released, when the release occurred, where the release  
8 occurred and relevant information concerning the effect of the  
9 release on public health, groundwater, surface water and soils.  
10 The notice shall also include information on remedial actions  
11 that are planned, initiated or completed. Within five days of  
12 receiving the written notice from the owner or operator, the  
13 department and municipality shall cooperate to provide the same  
14 notice and any other information that is deemed appropriate to  
15 all residents living within one-half mile radius of the location  
16 of the reported release. The notice to residents shall be sent  
17 by certified mail.

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