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AND WASHINGTON, MARCH 3, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 3, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for powers of an  
3 authority.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5505 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

8 § 5505. Purposes and powers.

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10 (d.1) Limitation on service.--

11 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,  
12 no authority that provides water service shall have the power  
13 to impose a standby charge on owners of residential,  
14 commercial or industrial structures equipped with automatic  
15 fire protection systems.

16 (2) This subsection shall not prevent an authority from  
17 charging for the actual cost of a water main connection  
18 required for installation of an automatic fire protection

1 system.

2 (3) The term "standby charge," as used in this  
3 subsection, shall mean an amount however styled, in addition  
4 to the regular rate, assessed against the owner of a  
5 structure for the reason that the structure is equipped with  
6 an automatic fire protection system.

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