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REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, JUNE 9, 2004

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 29, 1956 (1955 P.L.1840, No.610),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act defining and providing for the
3 licensing of water well drillers; prevention of pollution of
4 underground waters; conferring powers and imposing duties on
5 the Bureau of Topographic and Geologic Survey; and
6 prescribing penalties and fees," further providing for
7 license required to drill water wells, for application and
8 for records and reports.

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

11 Section 1. Sections 4(a) and 6(a) of the act of May 29, 1956
12 (1955 P.L.1840, No.610), known as the Water Well Drillers
13 License Act, are amended to read:

14 Section 4. License Required to Drill Water Wells.--(a)
15 After the effective date of this act, no person shall drill a
16 water well within the Commonwealth, unless he has first secured
17 from the department a license issued in such form and subject to
18 such reasonable rules and regulations as the department shall
19 prescribe, or unless he is drilling such well within the scope
20 of his employment by a licensed well driller. Any person seeking
21 to be licensed to operate a drilling rig shall pass a licensing

1 examination in accordance with section 6(a)(6).

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3 Section 6. Application.--(a) Before any water well
4 driller's license is issued, application shall be made, in
5 writing, to the department on a form prepared and furnished by
6 the department. Such application shall contain a statement
7 showing (1) the name of the applicant, (2) the business address
8 of the applicant, (3) the residence of the applicant, (4) the
9 number of drilling rigs the applicant intends to operate during
10 the license year and a short description of each rig, (5) such
11 additional information as the department may require[.] and (6)
12 proof the applicant has passed a general examination and at
13 least one drilling specialty examination offered by the National
14 Ground Water Association. Such documentation shall be provided
15 to the department through electronic means or other written
16 means by the National Ground Water Association.

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18 Section 2. Section 10 of the act is amended by adding a
19 subsection to read:

20 Section 10. Records and Reports.--* * *

21 (d) The department shall compile and maintain a current
22 registry of water well drillers and water well drilling rig
23 operators. Such registry shall be made available to the public.
24 The department may make the registry available on its World Wide
25 Web site.

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect in one year.