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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
OCTOBER 18, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act to preserve and improve the purity of the
3 waters of the Commonwealth for the protection of public
4 health, animal and aquatic life, and for industrial
5 consumption, and recreation; empowering and directing the
6 creation of indebtedness or the issuing of non-debt revenue
7 bonds by political subdivisions to provide works to abate
8 pollution; providing protection of water supply and water
9 quality; providing for the jurisdiction of courts in the
10 enforcement thereof; providing additional remedies for
11 abating pollution of waters; imposing certain penalties;
12 repealing certain acts; regulating discharges of sewage and
13 industrial wastes; regulating the operation of mines and
14 regulating the impact of mining upon water quality, supply
15 and quantity; placing responsibilities upon landowners and
16 land occupiers and to maintain primary jurisdiction over
17 surface coal mining in Pennsylvania," defining
18 "xenoestrogens"; and further providing for protection of
19 domestic water supplies.

20 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
21 hereby enacts as follows:

22 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987,
23 No.394), known as The Clean Streams Law, is amended by adding a
24 definition to read:

25 Section 1. Definitions.--Be it enacted, &c., That the
26 following words or phrases, unless the context clearly indicates

1 otherwise, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this
2 section.

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4 "Xenoestrogens" means synthetic human endocrine disruptors
5 that imitate or enhance the effect of estrogens, the estrogenic
6 stimulation being an unintended side-effect of these agents or
7 their metabolites. The term includes, but is not limited to, 4-
8 Methylbenzylidene camphor (4-MBC), butylated hydroxyanisole
9 (BHA), atrazine, bisphenol A, dieldrin, DDT, endosulfan,
10 erythrosine, heptachlor, lindane/hexachlorocyclohexane,
11 methoxychlor, nonylphenol and derivatives, polychlorinated
12 biphenyls (PCBs), parabens, phenosulfothiazine, phthalates and
13 DEHP.

14 Section 2. Section 501 of the act, amended October 10, 1980
15 (P.L.894, No.157), is amended to read:

16 Section 501. Protection of Domestic Water Supplies.--(a) In
17 addition to the powers and authority hereinbefore granted, power
18 and authority is hereby conferred upon the department, after due
19 notice and public hearing, to make, adopt, promulgate, and
20 enforce reasonable orders and regulations for the protection of
21 any source of water for present or future supply to the public,
22 and prohibiting the pollution of any such source of water
23 rendering the same inimical or injurious to the public health or
24 objectionable for public water supply purposes.

25 (b) The department shall, after due notice and public
26 hearing, make, adopt, promulgate and enforce reasonable orders
27 and regulations for the protection of any source of water from
28 xenoestrogens for present or future supply to the public,
29 including mandating water testing for xenoestrogen levels to
30 ensure water quality.

1 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.