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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, JULY 2,
2009

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 19, 1974 (P.L.973, No.319),
2 entitled "An act prescribing the procedure under which an
3 owner may have land devoted to agricultural use, agricultural
4 reserve use, or forest reserve use, valued for tax purposes
5 at the value it has for such uses, and providing for
6 reassessment and certain interest payments when such land is
7 applied to other uses and making editorial changes," further
8 providing for applications for preferential assessments.

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

11 Section 1. Section 4 of the act of December 19, 1974
12 (P.L.973, No.319), known as the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest
13 Land Assessment Act of 1974, is amended by adding a subsection
14 to read:

15 Section 4. Applications for Preferential Assessments.--* * *

16 (b.4) (1) An application for preferential assessment shall
17 include a verification that the landowner has a current erosion
18 and sediment control plan. A landowner with an existing
19 preferential assessment shall submit verification that the
20 landowner has a current erosion and sediment control plan no

1 later than four years after the effective date of this
2 subsection. The department shall develop a verification form,
3 which shall require the signature of the landowner and a person
4 qualified to develop or review erosion and sediment control
5 plans.

6 (2) For purposes of this subsection, "erosion and sediment
7 control plan" means a site specific plan identifying best
8 management practices to minimize accelerated erosion and
9 sedimentation from agricultural runoff that meets the
10 requirements of 25 Pa. Code Ch. 102 (relating to erosion and
11 sediment control).

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