## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 1901 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY SAYLOR, TRUITT, DUNBAR, KAUFFMAN, ZIMMERMAN, GROVE, GILLEN, KIRKLAND, MURT, CUTLER, KNOWLES, BARRAR AND TOOHIL, MARCH 15, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 15, 2016

## AN ACT

Amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537), 1 entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the planning and 2 regulation of community sewage systems and individual sewage 3 systems; requiring municipalities to submit plans for systems in their jurisdiction; authorizing grants; requiring permits 5 for persons installing such systems; requiring disclosure 6 statements in certain land sale contracts; authorizing the 7 Department of Environmental Resources to adopt and administer 8 rules, regulations, standards and procedures; creating an advisory committee; providing remedies and prescribing 10 penalties," further providing for grants and reimbursements 11 authorized. 12 13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 14 hereby enacts as follows: 15 Section 1. Section 6(a) of the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 16 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, amended December 14, 1994 (P.L.1250, No.149), is amended to 17 18 read: 19 Section 6. Grants and Reimbursements Authorized. -- (a) 20 department is authorized to administer grants to counties, 21 municipalities and authorities to assist them in preparing official plans and revisions to official plans for sewage 22

- 1 systems required by this act, and for carrying out related
- 2 studies, surveys, investigations, inquiries, research and
- 3 analyses. Such grants shall be made from funds appropriated by
- 4 the General Assembly for this purpose and shall equal one-half
- 5 the cost of preparing such plans. From funds appropriated for
- 6 <u>such grants for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and thereafter, the</u>
- 7 <u>department shall give funding priority to approved grant</u>
- 8 applications from municipalities in counties of the third,
- 9 sixth, seventh and eighth class. Such grants shall not be
- 10 withheld from any municipality which is complying with the terms
- 11 of this act. For the purposes of this section, costs shall be
- 12 exclusive of those reimbursed or paid by grants from the Federal
- 13 Government.
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- 15 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.