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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
MARCH 9, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), entitled "An
2 act providing for safe drinking water; imposing powers and
3 duties on the Department of Environmental Resources in
4 relation thereto; and appropriating certain funds," further
5 providing for definitions.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The definition of "public water system" in
9 section 3 of the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), known as
10 the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act, is amended to read:

11 Section 3. Definitions.

12 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
13 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
14 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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16 "Public water system." A system for the provision to the
17 public of water for human consumption which has at least 15
18 service connections or regularly serves an average of at least

1 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. The term
2 includes:

3 (1) Any collection, treatment, storage and distribution
4 facilities under control of the operator of such system and
5 used in connection with such system.

6 (2) Any collection or pretreatment storage facilities
7 not under such control which are used in connection with such
8 a system.

9 (3) A system which provides water for bottling or bulk
10 hauling for human consumption.

11 The term does not include a facility that both is owned by a
12 church, association of churches or other religious order, body
13 or institution which qualifies for exemption from taxation under
14 section 501(c)(3) or (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
15 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 501) and relies upon a privately
16 owned water well for its drinking water supply.

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