
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1494 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY RAPP, CAUSER, OBERLANDER, GABLER AND PASHINSKI,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
JUNE 5, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), entitled "An
2 act creating the Department of Conservation and Natural
3 Resources consisting of certain functions of the Department
4 of Environmental Resources and the Department of Community
5 Affairs; renaming the Department of Environmental Resources
6 as the Department of Environmental Protection; defining the
7 role of the Environmental Quality Board in the Department of
8 Environmental Protection; making changes to responsibilities
9 of the State Conservation Commission and the Department of
10 Agriculture; transferring certain powers and duties to the
11 Department of Health; and repealing inconsistent acts," in
12 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, further
13 providing for contracts and agreements.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section 318 of the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89,
17 No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, is
18 amended by adding a subsection to read:

19 Section 318. Contracts and agreements.

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21 (a.1) Federal cooperative agreements.--The following apply:

22 (1) As authorized under section 8206 of the Agricultural
23 Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-79, 128 Stat. 921), the

1 Commonwealth may enter into Federal cooperative agreements
2 between the Governor or the Governor's designee and
3 participating Federal agencies for the purposes of harvesting
4 and selling timber, engaging in activities which promote
5 artificial and natural forest regeneration and other
6 activities to restore or improve the health of forests and
7 watersheds and forested habitats upon Federal land within
8 this Commonwealth.

9 (2) All money received from the sale of timber on
10 Federal land under a Federal cooperative agreement shall be
11 used to administer, implement and pay all costs associated
12 with the Federal cooperative agreement.

13 (3) As authorized by Federal law and the Governor,
14 employees of the department may conduct the activities
15 specified under paragraph (1) on Federal land under the terms
16 of a Federal cooperative agreement.

17 (4) As authorized by Federal law, the Governor or the
18 Governor's designee may contract with private contractors for
19 the purposes of conducting activities specified under
20 paragraph (1) on Federal land under the terms of a Federal
21 cooperative agreement.

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