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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  
19 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. The

1 following apply:

2 (1) The term includes:

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

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

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

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

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