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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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MARCH 25, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,  
MARCH 25, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 15, 1945 (P.L.547, No.217), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the conservation of soil, water and related  
3 natural resources and land use practices contributing to soil  
4 wastage and soil erosion; providing for the organization of  
5 the various counties into conservation districts; the  
6 appointment of their officers and employes; and prescribing  
7 their powers and duties; creating the State Conservation  
8 Commission in the Department of Environmental Resources and  
9 fixing its powers and duties relative to the administration  
10 of this act; providing financial and legal assistance to such  
11 conservation districts and the commission; and authorizing  
12 county governing bodies to make appropriations thereto;  
13 providing for disposition and operation of existing  
14 districts; and repealing existing laws," further providing  
15 for Commonwealth agency cooperation.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. Section 11(2) of the act of May 15, 1945  
19 (P.L.547, No.217), known as the Conservation District Law, is  
20 amended by adding a subparagraph to read:

21 Section 11. Commonwealth Agencies to Cooperate.--\* \* \*

22 (2) \* \* \*

23 (a.1) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a), beginning on the

1 effective date of this subparagraph, each of the regulatory and  
2 enforcement functions of the department under the following laws  
3 that are conducted by the department on normal agricultural  
4 operations, as defined in the act of June 10, 1982 (P.L.454,  
5 No.133), referred to as the Right-to-Farm Law, shall by  
6 agreement be delegated to the commission:

7 (i) "The Clean Streams Law" and the rules and regulations  
8 adopted thereunder.

9 (ii) The "Flood Plain Management Act" and the rules and  
10 regulations adopted thereunder.

11 (iii) The "Dam Safety and Encroachments Act" and the rules  
12 and regulations adopted thereunder.

13 (iv) The "Solid Waste Management Act" and the rules and  
14 regulations adopted thereunder.

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