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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States, the President of the  
2 United States and the Environmental Protection Agency to  
3 delay the requirements of the MS4 storm water management  
4 program for a period of two years in response to the COVID-19  
5 crisis.

6 WHEREAS, The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (62 Stat.  
7 1155, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) allows the Environmental  
8 Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate water pollution through the  
9 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System by requiring  
10 regulated municipalities and other entities to create storm  
11 water management plans and obtain permits for discharges of  
12 storm water from their municipal separate storm sewer systems  
13 (MS4s); and

14 WHEREAS, In seeking to comply with this mandate from the EPA  
15 as enforced by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental  
16 Protection, municipalities in this Commonwealth have  
17 increasingly begun placing tremendous economic burdens on our  
18 residents, businesses and property owners by imposing new or  
19 increased fees on them; and

1       WHEREAS, Residents and businesses throughout this  
2 Commonwealth are facing unprecedented challenges because of the  
3 COVID-19 crisis; and

4       WHEREAS, Federal, State and local governments must take  
5 action to relieve economic burdens on individuals and businesses  
6 who are struggling during these trying times to facilitate our  
7 country's economic recovery and ensure that our citizens can  
8 keep as much of their money as possible for essential needs;  
9 therefore be it

10       RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 urge the Congress of the United States, the President of the  
12 United States and the Environmental Protection Agency to delay  
13 the requirements of the MS4 storm water management program for a  
14 period of two years in response to the COVID-19 crisis; and be  
15 it further

16       RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
17 urge the Congress of the United States to enact legislation  
18 delaying mandated compliance deadlines for states and  
19 municipalities of the MS4 storm water management program for a  
20 period of two years to facilitate economic recovery from the  
21 COVID-19 crisis; and be it further

22       RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
23 urge the President of the United States and the Administrator of  
24 the Environmental Protection Agency to extend compliance  
25 deadlines for states and municipalities of the MS4 storm water  
26 management program for a period of two years to facilitate  
27 economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis; and be it further

28       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
29 the presiding officers of each house of Congress, each member of  
30 the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation, the Administrator of

1 the Environmental Protection Agency and the President of the  
2 United States.