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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
MARCH 1, 2021

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 powers and duties of Environmental Quality
6 Board; and abrogating regulations.

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

9 Section 1. Section 4 of the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206,
10 No.43), known as the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act, is
11 amended by adding a subsection to read:

12 Section 4. Powers and duties of Environmental Quality Board.

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14 (a.1) Maximum contaminant levels.--

15 (1) Maximum contaminant levels adopted under subsection

16 (a) shall:

17 (i) Establish Statewide maximum contaminant levels
18 for Perfluorooctane Sulfonate, Perfluorooctanoic Acid and
19 other Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substance compounds in

1 public drinking water systems in accordance with
2 evidence-based standards.

3 (ii) Establish Statewide maximum contaminant levels
4 for chromium-6 in public drinking water systems in
5 accordance with evidence-based standards.

6 (iii) Establish Statewide maximum contaminant levels
7 for 1,4 dioxane in public drinking water systems in
8 accordance with evidence-based standards.

9 (iv) Include a directive to consider limits on other
10 pollutants in public drinking water systems when two or
11 more other states have set limits or issued guidance on a
12 given pollutant.

13 (2) The Environmental Quality Board shall review maximum
14 contaminant levels adopted by other states and the studies
15 and scientific evidence reviewed by those states, and shall
16 adopt a maximum contaminant level protective of public health
17 and in no case exceeding any maximum contaminant level or
18 health advisory promulgated by the United States
19 Environmental Protection Agency. The Environmental Quality
20 Board shall annually review the latest peer-reviewed science
21 and independent or government agency studies and undertake
22 additional rulemaking if needed to comply with this
23 paragraph.

24 (3) Within 100 days of the effective date of this
25 subsection, the Environmental Quality Board shall commence
26 rulemaking to promulgate the regulations under this
27 subsection.

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29 Section 2. Any regulation inconsistent with this act is
30 abrogated to the extent of any inconsistency with this act.

1 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.