THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2119 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY HOWARD, SANCHEZ, D. WILLIAMS, SCHLOSSBERG, KINSEY, HILL-EVANS AND SIMS, DECEMBER 3, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, DECEMBER 3, 2021

AN ACT

- Amending the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), entitled "An act providing for safe drinking water; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Environmental Resources in relation thereto; and appropriating certain funds," further providing for penalties and remedies.

 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. Section 13(f) of the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206,
- 9 No.43), known as the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act, is
- 10 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
- 11 read:
- 12 Section 13. Penalties and remedies.
- 13 * * *
- 14 (f) Preenforcement conference. -- Notwithstanding any other
- 15 provision of this act, before the department, the Office of
- 16 Attorney General or the district attorney of the affected county
- 17 shall institute any criminal proceedings against any person
- 18 pursuant to subsections (c), (d) and (e) it shall, in writing,
- 19 provide such person with an opportunity for a preenforcement

- 1 conference with the department.
- 2 (f.1) Criminal proceedings. -- The Office of Attorney General
- 3 under the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known as
- 4 the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, or the district attorney of the
- 5 <u>affected county may institute any criminal proceedings against</u>
- 6 any person pursuant to subsections (c), (d) and (e).
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- 8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.