THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 657

Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY SANTARSIERO, COLLETT, HUGHES, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI, COMITTA, COSTA, MUTH AND KANE, MAY 24, 2021

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, MAY 24, 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
- 4 relation thereto; and appropriating certain funds," further
- 5 providing for penalties and remedies.
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. Sections 13(f) of the act of May 1, 1984
- 9 (P.L.206, No.43), known as the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water
- 10 Act, is amended and the section is amended by adding a
- 11 subsection to 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.