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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
JANUARY 24, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act providing for and reorganizing the
3 conduct of the executive and administrative work of the
4 Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the
5 administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers
6 thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal
7 Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating,
8 reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain
9 administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining
10 the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and
11 administrative officers, and of the several administrative
12 departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the
13 salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain
14 other executive and administrative officers; providing for
15 the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of
16 all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain
17 departments, boards, and commissions; providing for judicial
18 administration; and prescribing the manner in which the
19 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
20 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
21 commissions shall be determined," in powers and duties of the
22 Department of General Services and its departmental
23 administrative and advisory boards and commissions, providing
24 for water bottle filling stations.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
26 hereby enacts as follows:

27 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
28 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a

1 section to read:

2 Section 2422. Water Bottle Filling Stations.--(a) This
3 section is intended to:

4 (1) Encourage the consumption of potable water using
5 reusable water bottles as an alternative to single-use
6 disposable water bottles or sugar-sweetened beverages.

7 (2) Provide consumers with a convenient means, in visible
8 and user-friendly locations, to fill reusable water bottles with
9 clean, potable water.

10 (3) Provide a more environmentally friendly alternative
11 regarding potable water.

12 (4) Provide consumers with a more cost-effective alternative
13 regarding potable water.

14 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, standards
15 relating to water bottle filling stations shall comply with the
16 act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the
17 "Pennsylvania Construction Code Act," and other applicable
18 plumbing standards.

19 (c) The following general standards shall apply:

20 (1) A water bottle filling station shall not be:

21 (i) accessible to the mouth of a drinker;

22 (ii) subject to immersion; or

23 (iii) installed within a restroom.

24 (2) A water bottle filling station may discharge water
25 directly or indirectly into a separate or combination drainage
26 system.

27 (d) Water bottle filling stations shall be installed as
28 follows:

29 (1) For each building or structure of the Commonwealth which
30 is constructed after the effective date of this subsection, a

1 water bottle filling station shall be installed where a drinking
2 fountain is required to be installed.

3 (2) For each building or structure within this Commonwealth
4 that undergoes a major improvement involving plumbing or pipe
5 fitting infrastructure after the effective date of this
6 subsection, a water bottle filling station shall be installed
7 where an operational drinking fountain is or was required to be
8 installed.

9 (e) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations as
10 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

11 (f) The following words and phrases when used in this
12 section shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection
13 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Department." The Department of General Services of the
15 Commonwealth.

16 "Water bottle filling station." A unit which:

17 (1) supplies potable water to a water bottle from a downward
18 facing water orifice;

19 (2) delivers a minimum of eight gallons per hour of water at
20 a temperature of not more than fifty (50) degrees Fahrenheit;

21 (3) is mounted on the wall or floor;

22 (4) is a separate unit or a combination unit that includes a
23 drinking fountain; and

24 (5) complies with all applicable water quality standards
25 under the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), known as the
26 "Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act."

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