THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2284 Session of 2024

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, MAY 14, 2024

AN ACT

- Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled "An
- act concerning townships of the second class; and amending, 2
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- revising, consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," in storm water management plans and facilities, 4
- further providing for fees. 5
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. Section 2705(a) of the act of May 1, 1933
- (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, is
- 10 amended to read:
- Section 2705. Fees. -- (a) For the purposes of funding the 11
- 12 construction, maintenance and operation of storm water
- management facilities, systems and management plans authorized 13
- 14 under this article, a township may assess reasonable and uniform
- 15 fees based in whole or in part on the characteristics of the
- 16 property benefited by the facilities, systems and management
- plans[.] as follows: 17
- 18 (1) The fees assessed may not exceed the amount necessary to

- 1 meet the minimum requirements of the Federal Water Pollution
- 2 Control Act (62 Stat. 1155, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.), and
- 3 Federal or State laws governing the implementation of the
- 4 Federal Water Pollution Control Act, for the construction,
- 5 maintenance and operation of storm water management facilities,
- 6 systems and management plans, as specified in 40 CFR 122.26
- 7 (relating to storm water discharges (applicable to State NPDES
- 8 programs, see § 123.25)).
- 9 (2) In establishing the fees, the township shall consider
- 10 and provide appropriate exemptions or credits for properties
- 11 which have installed and are maintaining storm water facilities
- 12 that meet best management practices and are approved or
- 13 inspected by the township[.] and, in the case of a normal
- 14 <u>agricultural operation</u>, <u>best management practices approved by</u>
- 15 the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources
- 16 <u>Conservation Service or the State Conservation Commission.</u>
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- 18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.