
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY OWLETT, PICKETT, HAMM, STENDER, JAMES, CAUSER,
KUZMA, ECKER, GALLAGHER, SMITH AND GLEIM, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325),
2 entitled "An act providing for the regulation and safety of
3 dams and reservoirs, water obstructions and encroachments;
4 consolidating and clarifying the programs of the Department
5 of Environmental Resources and Navigation Commission for the
6 Delaware River; establishing penalties and repealing certain
7 acts," further providing for permit issuance and conditions.

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

10 Section 1. Section 9 of the act of November 26, 1978
11 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments
12 Act, is amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 9. Permit issuance and conditions.

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15 (c) If the department issues an emergency permit, approval
16 or authorization for stream clearing or maintenance activities
17 around a water obstruction under this act or any other State
18 law, the department shall authorize clearing activities for up
19 to a minimum of at least 250 feet from the water obstruction if
20 the emergency permit, approval or authorization is requested by

1 a Commonwealth agency or political subdivision and there is a
2 declaration of disaster emergency for the area at the Federal,
3 State or county level.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.