
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY ZIMMERMAN, PICKETT, HAMM, STEHR, STAMBAUGH,
T. JONES, GLEIM AND KEEFER, MARCH 20, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
MARCH 20, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 4, 1978 (P.L.864, No.167), entitled
2 "An act providing for the regulation of land and water use
3 for flood control and storm water management purposes,
4 imposing duties and conferring powers on the Department of
5 Environmental Resources, municipalities and counties,
6 providing for enforcement, and making appropriations,"
7 further providing for watershed storm water plans and
8 contents.

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

11 Section 1. Section 5(a) of the act of October 4, 1978
12 (P.L.864, No.167), known as the Storm Water Management Act, is
13 amended to read:

14 Section 5. Watershed storm water plans and contents.

15 (a) Within two years following the promulgation of
16 guidelines by the department pursuant to section 14, each county
17 shall prepare and adopt a watershed storm water management plan
18 for each watershed located in the county as designated by the
19 department, in consultation with the municipalities located
20 within each watershed, and shall periodically review and revise

1 such plan at least every five years. The department may, for
2 good cause shown, grant an extension of time to any county for
3 the preparation and adoption of a watershed storm water
4 management plan. A municipality that does not have a public
5 water or sewer system shall be exempt from participating in the
6 watershed storm water management plan.

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