

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 677 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY STURLA, MADDEN, KINSEY, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS,  
GUENST, D. WILLIAMS, GALLOWAY AND NEILSON, MARCH 23, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
MARCH 23, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394), entitled  
2 "An act to preserve and improve the purity of the waters of  
3 the Commonwealth for the protection of public health, animal  
4 and aquatic life, and for industrial consumption, and  
5 recreation; empowering and directing the creation of  
6 indebtedness or the issuing of non-debt revenue bonds by  
7 political subdivisions to provide works to abate pollution;  
8 providing protection of water supply and water quality;  
9 providing for the jurisdiction of courts in the enforcement  
10 thereof; providing additional remedies for abating pollution  
11 of waters; imposing certain penalties; repealing certain  
12 acts; regulating discharges of sewage and industrial wastes;  
13 regulating the operation of mines and regulating the impact  
14 of mining upon water quality, supply and quantity; placing  
15 responsibilities upon landowners and land occupiers and to  
16 maintain primary jurisdiction over surface coal mining in  
17 Pennsylvania," in scope and purpose, further providing for  
18 fences along streams.

19 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
20 hereby enacts as follows:

21 Section 1. Section 702 of the act of June 22, 1937  
22 (P.L.1987, No.394), known as The Clean Streams Law, is amended  
23 to read:

24 Section 702. Fences along Streams.--[No] An administrative  
25 agency of the Commonwealth or [any political subdivision thereof

1 shall] a municipality may require any person to erect a fence  
2 along a stream in a pasture or other field used for grazing of  
3 farm livestock for the purpose of keeping farm livestock out of  
4 the stream. An ordinance enacted by a municipality under this  
5 paragraph shall include provisions for stream crossings in  
6 accordance with Department of Environmental Protection  
7 regulations and guidelines relating to stream crossings.

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