
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 946 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, HUTCHINSON, RAFFERTY, SCARNATI, YUDICHAK,
HUGHES, WHITE AND KASUNIC, MAY 15, 2013

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, MAY 15, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the planning and
3 regulation of community sewage systems and individual sewage
4 systems; requiring municipalities to submit plans for systems
5 in their jurisdiction; authorizing grants; requiring permits
6 for persons installing such systems; requiring disclosure
7 statements in certain land sale contracts; authorizing the
8 Department of Environmental Resources to adopt and administer
9 rules, regulations, standards and procedures; creating an
10 advisory committee; providing remedies and prescribing
11 penalties," further providing for definitions, for official
12 plans and for permits.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of January 24, 1966 (1965
16 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities
17 Act, is amended by adding definitions to read:

18 Section 2. Definitions.--As used in this act:

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20 "Community on-lot sewage system" means a system of piping,
21 tanks or other facilities serving two or more lots and
22 collecting, treating and disposing of sewage into a soil
23 absorption area or retaining tank located on one or more of the

1 lots or at another site.

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3 "Individual on-lot sewage system" means an individual sewage
4 system which uses a system of piping, tanks or other facilities
5 for collecting, treating and disposing of sewage into a soil
6 absorption area or spray field or by retention in a retaining
7 tank.

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9 Section 2. Section 5(e) of the act is amended by adding a
10 paragraph to read:

11 Section 5. Official Plans.--* * *

12 (e) * * *

13 (4) For official plans and official plan revisions for
14 individual on-lot sewage systems and community on-lot sewage
15 systems, the use of such systems when designed and approved in
16 accordance with the requirements of this act and the regulations
17 promulgated under this act satisfies the antidegradation
18 requirements of the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394),
19 known as "The Clean Streams Law," and the regulations
20 promulgated under that act.

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22 Section 3. Section 7 of the act is amended by adding a
23 subsection to read:

24 Section 7. Permits.--* * *

25 (a.3) For permits for individual on-lot sewage systems and
26 community on-lot sewage systems, the use of such systems when
27 designed and approved in accordance with the requirements of
28 this act and the regulations promulgated under this act
29 satisfies the antidegradation requirements of the act of June
30 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394), known as "The Clean Streams Law,"

1 and the regulations promulgated under that act.

2 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.