

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY WARREN, BURGOS, RABB, HILL-EVANS, STEELE, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, HOHENSTEIN AND KRAJEWSKI, MAY 18, 2023

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 9, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
21 determined," in powers and duties of the Department of
22 General Services and its departmental administrative and
23 advisory boards and commissions, providing for water bottle
24 filling stations.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
26 hereby enacts as follows:

27 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
28 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a

1 section to read:

2 Section 2422. Water Bottle Filling Stations.--(a) This
3 section is intended to:

4 (1) Encourage the consumption of potable water using
5 reusable water bottles as an alternative to single-use
6 disposable water bottles or sugar-sweetened beverages.

7 (2) Provide consumers with a convenient means, in visible
8 and user-friendly locations, to fill reusable water bottles with
9 clean, potable water.

10 (3) Provide a more environmentally friendly alternative
11 regarding potable water.

12 (4) Provide consumers with a more cost-effective alternative
13 regarding potable water.

14 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, standards
15 relating to water bottle filling stations shall comply with the
16 act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the
17 "Pennsylvania Construction Code Act," and other applicable
18 plumbing standards.

19 (c) The following general standards shall apply:

20 (1) A water bottle filling station shall not be:

21 (i) accessible to the mouth of a drinker;

22 (ii) subject to immersion; or

23 (iii) installed within a restroom.

24 (2) A water bottle filling station may discharge water
25 directly or indirectly into a separate or combination drainage
26 system.

27 (d) Water bottle filling stations shall be installed as
28 follows:

29 (1) For each building or structure of the Commonwealth which
30 is constructed after the effective date of this subsection, a

1 water bottle filling station shall be installed where a drinking
2 fountain is required to be installed.

3 (2) For each building or structure within OF this <--
4 Commonwealth that undergoes a major improvement involving
5 plumbing or pipe fitting infrastructure after the effective date
6 of this subsection, a water bottle filling station shall be
7 installed where an operational drinking fountain is or was
8 required to be installed.

9 (e) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations as
10 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

11 (f) The following words and phrases when used in this
12 section shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection
13 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Department." The Department of General Services of the
15 Commonwealth.

16 "Water bottle filling station." A unit which:

17 (1) supplies potable water to a water bottle from a downward
18 facing water orifice;

19 (2) delivers a minimum of eight gallons per hour of water at
20 a temperature of not more than fifty (50) degrees Fahrenheit;

21 (3) is mounted on the wall or floor;

22 (4) is a separate unit or a combination unit that includes a
23 drinking fountain; and

24 (5) complies with all applicable water quality standards
25 under the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), known as the

26 "Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act."

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