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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for water and sewer  
3 projects.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

8 CHAPTER 62

9 WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS

10 Sec.

11 6201. Definitions.

12 6202. Private sewer lateral and private water lateral projects.

13 § 6201. Definitions.

14 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
15 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
16 context clearly indicates otherwise:

17 "American-made." Produced, manufactured, mined, grown or  
18 performed in the United States. For the purpose of this

1 definition, produced or manufactured shall mean assembled in a  
2 location within the United States.

3 "Municipality." A city, borough, incorporated town or  
4 township in this Commonwealth.

5 "Private sewer lateral." A line on a property upon which a  
6 building or structure is located that connects to a public sewer  
7 system.

8 "Private water lateral." A line on a property upon which a  
9 building or structure is located that connects to a public water  
10 supply system.

11 § 6202. Private sewer lateral and private water lateral  
12 projects.

13 (a) Replacement or remediation.--A municipality may perform  
14 the replacement or remediation of a private sewer lateral or  
15 private water lateral for residents of the municipality if the  
16 municipality determines that the replacement or remediation will  
17 benefit the public health, public water supply system or public  
18 sewer system. A municipality that has performed a replacement or  
19 remediation authorized under this subsection may not be deemed  
20 to be the owner of a private sewer lateral or private water  
21 lateral and may not be required to perform any other duties  
22 unless determined necessary by the municipality.

23 (b) Public money and municipal employees.--A municipality  
24 may use public money or municipal employees for the replacement  
25 or remediation of a private sewer lateral or private water  
26 lateral if the municipality determines that the replacement or  
27 remediation will benefit the public health, public water supply  
28 system or public sewer system. Before using public money or  
29 municipal employees as authorized under this subsection, the  
30 municipality shall consider the availability of public money,

1 equipment, municipal employees and facilities and the competing  
2 demands of the municipality for the public funds, equipment,  
3 municipal employees and facilities.

4 (c) Prioritization.--

5 (1) A municipality shall utilize American-made supplies  
6 in the replacement or remediation authorized under subsection  
7 (a).

8 (2) If the governing body of the municipality determines  
9 that a particular supply is not American-made, or is  
10 American-made but not available in sufficient quantities to  
11 meet the needs of the municipality, the governing body of the  
12 municipality shall publish a notice of the determination in  
13 no less than two newspapers of general circulation within the  
14 municipality and on each of the municipality's social media  
15 and publicly accessible Internet websites.

16 (3) Beginning on the date of publication of the notice  
17 under paragraph (2) and until 30 days thereafter, a person or  
18 business may file an objection to the determination in a form  
19 and manner determined by the governing body of the  
20 municipality. A person or business shall include evidence of  
21 the particular supply being American-made or evidence of the  
22 particular supply being American-made and available in  
23 sufficient quantities. An objection under this paragraph  
24 shall be considered an appeal under 2 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 Subch. B  
25 (relating to judicial review of local agency action).

26 (4) If, after the adjudication of the objection under  
27 paragraph (3), the determination under paragraph (2) is  
28 affirmed, the requirements under subsection (a) shall not  
29 apply for the particular supply.

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