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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

AN ACT

- Amending the act of October 18, 1988 (P.L.756, No.108), entitled 1 "An act providing for the cleanup of hazardous waste sites; 2 providing further powers and duties of the Department of 3 Environmental Resources and the Environmental Quality Board; providing for response and investigations for liability and 5 cost recovery; establishing the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund; providing for certain fees and for enforcement, remedies and 7 penalties; and repealing certain provisions relating to the 8 rate of the capital stock franchise tax," in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in 10 miscellaneous, providing for release testing and 11 reimbursement. 12 13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 14 hereby enacts as follows:
- 15 Section 1. The definition of "department" in section 103 of
- 16 the act of October 18, 1988 (P.L.756, No.108), known as the
- Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act, is amended to read: 17
- 18 Section 103. Definitions.
- 19 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 20 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 21 context clearly indicates otherwise:
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- 1 "Department." The Department of Environmental [Resources]
- 2 Protection of the Commonwealth.
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- 4 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
- 5 <u>Section 1303.1. Release testing and reimbursement.</u>
- 6 (a) Release testing. -- Release from identified contaminated
- 7 sites shall be tested annually by the person that owns the site,
- 8 <u>including releases of hazardous substances expressly and</u>
- 9 <u>specifically approved under a valid Federal or State permit.</u>
- 10 (b) Reimbursement. -- An owner of an identified contaminated
- 11 <u>site shall reimburse the department as provided for in section</u>
- 12 507.
- (c) <u>Definitions.--As used in this section, the following</u>
- 14 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
- 15 <u>subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:</u>
- 16 "Identified contaminated site." A site which contains
- 17 hazardous or dangerous substances at levels above normal
- 18 background levels which pose a risk to human health or the
- 19 environment, including Federal Superfund sites.
- 20 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.