

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, MARCH 3, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), entitled "An
2 act providing for safe drinking water; imposing powers and
3 duties on the Department of Environmental Resources in
4 relation thereto; and appropriating certain funds," further
5 providing for powers and duties of the Department of
6 Environmental Protection.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 5 of the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206,
10 No.43), known as the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act, is
11 amended by adding a subsection to read:

12 Section 5. Powers and duties of department.

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14 (a.1) Lead testing.--The department shall monitor lead
15 levels in public water systems in accordance with the following:

16 (1) The department shall conduct testing for lead during
17 two consecutive six-month monitoring periods.

18 (2) The department shall assign each public water system
19 in this Commonwealth to a monitoring period. Each public

1 water system shall be tested for lead under paragraph (1).

2 (3) Following the initial monitoring periods, the
3 department shall continue annual testing of public water
4 systems for lead. The department may identify public water
5 systems that qualify for reduced monitoring. The monitoring
6 schedule shall be such that all sample sites of a public
7 water system subject to reduced monitoring are tested for
8 lead at least once every three years.

9 (4) A public water system established after the
10 effective date of this subsection shall be subject to
11 monitoring beginning with the following monitoring period.

12 (5) The results of lead testing conducted by the
13 department shall be made available on the department's
14 publicly accessible Internet website. At a minimum, the data
15 shall include lead levels for each public water system
16 tested, the date of testing and any follow-up measures taken
17 or planned.

18 (6) The lead testing shall occur in accordance with a
19 monitoring schedule established by the Environmental Quality
20 Board by regulation. In addition, the Environmental Quality
21 Board shall promulgate any other regulations necessary to
22 implement this subsection.

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