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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 1, 1988 (P.L.82, No.16), entitled "An  
2 act providing for the establishment, implementation and  
3 administration of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment  
4 Authority; imposing powers and duties on a board of trustees;  
5 transferring the rights, powers, duties and obligations of  
6 the Water Facilities Loan Board to the Pennsylvania  
7 Infrastructure Investment Authority; providing for the  
8 issuance of notes and bonds; providing for financial  
9 assistance and for a comprehensive water facilities plan;  
10 authorizing a referendum to incur indebtedness; making an  
11 appropriation; and making repeals," further providing for  
12 definitions; and providing for additional use of funds for  
13 financial assistance.

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

16 Section 1. The definition of "project" in section 3 of the  
17 act of March 1, 1988 (P.L.82, No.16), known as the Pennsylvania  
18 Infrastructure Investment Authority Act, is amended and the  
19 section is amended by adding a definition to read:

20 Section 3. Definitions.

21 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
22 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
23 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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2 "Private lateral sewer line." A private sewer line serving a  
3 structure or dwelling, running from the structure or dwelling to  
4 a public sewer line.

5 "Project." The eligible costs associated with the  
6 acquisition, construction, improvement, expansion, extension,  
7 repair, rehabilitation or security measures of all or part of  
8 any facility or system, whether publicly or privately owned:

9 (1) for the collection, treatment or disposal of  
10 wastewater, including industrial waste, to include private  
11 sewer lines;

12 (2) for the supply, treatment, storage or distribution  
13 of drinking water;

14 (3) for the control of pollution associated with storm  
15 water, which may include, but need not be limited to, the  
16 transport, storage and the infiltration of storm water; or

17 (4) for the best management practices to address  
18 pollution, including innovative techniques developed to  
19 comply with the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394),  
20 known as The Clean Streams Law, or identified in the county-  
21 prepared watershed plans pursuant to the act of October 4,  
22 1978 (P.L.864, No.167), known as the Storm Water Management  
23 Act, or as identified in Pennsylvania's Nonpoint Source  
24 Management Program Update, as required under section 319(b)  
25 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (62 Stat. 1155, 33  
26 U.S.C. § 1329(b)).

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28 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:  
29 Section 10.1. Additional use of funds.

30 (a) General rule.--Subject to subsection (b), governmental

1 units are authorized to use financial assistance received under  
2 this act for the improvement, extension, repair or  
3 rehabilitation of private lateral sewer lines connected to  
4 public sewer systems, where the government unit determines that  
5 such activities will benefit the public sewer system. No  
6 governmental unit which has completed such activities shall be  
7 deemed to be the owner of such private lateral sewer lines, or  
8 to have any further responsibility to conduct such activities,  
9 unless a governmental unit makes an affirmative determination to  
10 accept such obligations.

11 (b) Eligibility.--A private lateral sewer line project shall  
12 be eligible for financial assistance if any one of the following  
13 is applicable:

14 (1) The municipality or municipal authority has been  
15 ordered by any public health or environmental agency having  
16 jurisdiction to reduce infiltration and inflow.

17 (2) Private lateral sewer lines have been identified,  
18 through an appropriate engineering study, as significant  
19 contributors to the wet weather overflow problem and sewer  
20 system capacity, and a private sewer line project is  
21 determined to be a cost-effective component of the solution.

22 (3) The municipality or municipal authority determines  
23 that a private sewer line project will benefit the public  
24 health through the prevention of overflows and sewage backup  
25 onto private property.

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.