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REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, APRIL 27, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 9, 2008 (P.L.935, No.70), entitled "An
2 act providing for a report on potential climate change
3 impacts and economic opportunities for this Commonwealth, for
4 duties of the Department of Environmental Protection, for an
5 inventory of greenhouse gases, for establishment of the
6 Climate Change Advisory Committee, for a voluntary registry
7 of greenhouse gas emissions and for a climate change action
8 plan," further providing for climate change action plan.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 7 of the act of July 9, 2008 (P.L.935,
12 No.70), known as the Pennsylvania Climate Change Act, is amended
13 to read:

14 Section 7. Climate change action plan.

15 (a) Action plan required.--Within [15] 18 months from the
16 effective date of this act and every three years thereafter, the
17 department shall, in consultation with the committee, submit to
18 the Governor a climate change action plan that:

19 (1) Identifies GHG emission and sequestration trends and
20 baselines in this Commonwealth.

21 (2) Evaluates cost-effective strategies for reducing or

1 offsetting GHG emissions from various sectors in this
2 Commonwealth.

3 (3) Identifies costs, benefits and cobenefits of GHG
4 reduction strategies recommended by the climate change action
5 plan, including the impact on the capability of meeting
6 future energy demand within this Commonwealth.

7 (4) Identifies areas of agreement and disagreement among
8 committee members about the climate change action plan.

9 (5) Recommends to the General Assembly legislative
10 changes necessary to implement the climate change action
11 plan.

12 (b) Publication.--The climate change action plan shall be
13 published and distributed to the General Assembly and made
14 available to the public in printed form and on the department's
15 Internet website upon submission of the plan to the Governor.

16 (c) Public comment.--Prior to submittal of a climate change
17 action plan as required in subsection (a), the department shall
18 make a draft plan available for public comment for a period of
19 at least 60 days. The department shall review and consider
20 public comments. Upon completion of the department's review of
21 comments, the department shall prepare and publish a copy of its
22 responses to the comments received.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.