

Section 14. The sum of five hundred thousand dollars (**Appropriation.** \$500,000) is hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of this act.

APPROVED—The 20th day of August, A. D. 1953.

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No. 339

AN ACT

Providing for payments by the Commonwealth to municipalities which have expended money to acquire and construct sewage treatment plants in accordance with the Clean Streams Program and the act, approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1987), and making an appropriation.

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the Act of Assembly approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1987), has required certain municipalities of this Commonwealth to construct sewage treatment plants to abate the pollution of the waters of the Commonwealth and thereby preserve and improve the purity of such waters in the interest of the public health; and,

Whereas, these municipalities have in the past and will in the future expend large sums of money to acquire and construct sewage treatment plants in accordance with the Clean Streams Program and the aforesaid Act of Assembly, which sewage treatment facilities benefit not only the local municipality but are a benefit to all of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and,

Whereas, the responsibility to preserve and improve the purity of the waters of the Commonwealth does not rest solely upon municipal government but is also a function and responsibility of State government acting in the interest of the general public health, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in consideration of the benefits resulting from the acquisition and construction, both in the past and in the future, of sewage treatment plants by municipalities. \*

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

Section 1. Commencing on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred fifty-four, and annually thereafter, the Commonwealth shall pay toward the cost of operating, maintaining, repairing, replacing and other expenses relating to sewage treatment plants, an amount not to exceed two per centum (2%) of the costs

Sewage treatment plants.

Commonwealth to make payments to municipalities which have expended money to acquire and construct such plants to control stream pollution.

\* "by" deleted from original.

for the acquisition and construction of such sewage treatment plants by municipalities and municipality authorities to control stream pollution, expended by such municipalities and municipality authorities from the effective date of the act, approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1987), up to and including the thirty-first day of December of the year preceding the year in which such payment is made, and as ascertained by the Secretary of Health and approved by the Governor, as hereinafter provided.

Meaning of word  
"construction."

Section 2. Within the meaning of this act, the word "construction" shall include, in addition to the construction of new treatment works, pumping stations and intercepting sewers which are an integral part of the treatment facilities, the altering, improving or adding to of existing treatment works, pumping stations and intercepting sewers which are essential to the sewage treatment plant system, provided the acquisition and construction has been directed by the Department of Health, and said construction completed and facilities placed in operation in accordance with the act, approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1987).

Amounts to be  
expended.

Section 3. The amounts to be expended for any of the foregoing purposes shall be recommended by the Secretary of Health and approved by the Governor, in accordance with rules and regulations which the Department of Health is hereby authorized to promulgate, and shall be based upon reports filed with the Secretary of Health prior to the thirty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-four, and annually thereafter, by the municipalities or municipality authorities entitled to receive such payments, setting forth the amounts expended for the acquisition and construction of sewage treatment plants from the effective date of the act, approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1987), up to and including the thirty-first day of December of the preceding year.

Appropriation.

Section 4. The sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Health for the purposes set forth in this act.

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