
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY YUDICHAK, YAW, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, BROWNE,
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A RESOLUTION

Designating the week of September 18 through 22, 2017, as
"SepticSmart Week" in Pennsylvania to increase awareness of
the importance of proper maintenance and service of on-lot
septic systems.

WHEREAS, More than 40% of Pennsylvanians rely on septic
systems; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's on-lot septic systems are a natural,
environmentally friendly method of treating household water
without straining local waste treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, Average indoor use of water in a typical single-
family home is nearly 150 gallons a day and filters through a
septic system where beneficial living organisms digest and break
down the waste; and

WHEREAS, Proper maintenance of an on-lot septic system is
necessary to avoid tens of thousands of dollars in repair costs;
and

WHEREAS, Consumers who do not monitor and maintain their on-lot septic systems risk overloading the system which can cause costly repairs resulting in complications when selling the property; and

WHEREAS, Professional septic system providers and the United States Environmental Protection Agency recommend periodic pumping and maintenance of an on-lot septic system; and

WHEREAS, The National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association and the Pennsylvania Septage Management Association have search engines to help consumers locate providers who will advise them on establishing proper maintenance and service schedules for their on-lot septic systems; and

WHEREAS, Efforts should be made to promote awareness of the importance of properly maintaining and servicing an on-lot septic system; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Pennsylvania Septage Management Association have made consumer education a major priority; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of September 18 through 22, 2017, as "SepticSmart Week" in Pennsylvania to increase awareness of the importance of proper maintenance and service of on-lot septic systems.