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Summary Senate Bill 236, P.N. 241

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wozniak

Short Title & Overview

Amends Act 195 of 1947, commonly referred to as the Stream Clearance, Rectification and Improvement Act. Authorizes DEP to develop, implement and maintain nonstructural flood protection measures. Makes editorial changes.

DEP Powers

- Authorizes DEP to develop, implement and maintain nonstructural flood protection measures and stream channel environmental improvement projects, and to cooperate with counties, municipalities and municipal authorities that undertake such projects
- Nonstructural flood protection measures shall mean and include:
 - Acquisition of land and structures
 - Demolition, removal, relocation, elevation and floodproofing of structures
 - Floodplain clearance and restoration
- Stream channel environmental improvements shall mean and include:
 - Installation and maintenance of vegetated stream banks and riparian corridors
 - Bioengineered projects for bank stability and erosion control
 - In-channel structures for habitat and geomorphic stabilization of stream channel profiles, patterns and dimensions
- Nonstructural flood protection acquisition projects shall only be acquired from a willing seller
- Authorizes DEP to provide financial assistance to counties, municipalities and municipal authorities for the purposes of the Act provided DEP has approved the plans and specifications of the project, and awardees have obtained all relevant federal, state and local permits

Effective Date

- The act shall take effect immediately.