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## Casey Signs Nutrient Act, Ag Board Law

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industry — a lack of trust between the two forces that each will be responsible to the other in carrying out its responsibilities.

The Nutrient Management Act (reproduced in its entirety in the May 8 issue of Lancaster Farming) sets into place a regulatory system for the application of nutrients which result in non-point pollution. The act is not a final document and eventually is to expand beyond the scope of manure applications into residential sources of non-point nutrient contamination of water.

The actual regulatory limits are to be created and constantly reviewed by the State Conservation Commission, which is an existing agency independent of, but financed by the state Department of Environmental Resources and chaired by the secretary of DER.

The Nutrient Management Act mandates nutrient management plans for livestock producers who raise more than a certain number of animals per acre. It is voluntary for others and offers the benefit of some protection from prosecution under the state's Clean Streams Act. The law also nullifies local ordinances concerning nutrient management.

The specifics of the act, other than outlining what is to be done, are to be worked out by the Conservation Commission and a 15-member Nutrient Management Advisory Board, which is to review and comment on proposed regulations.

By design, the board is to be seated by a majority representation of those with agricultural interests. The board was added to the act as a compromise by environmentalists over the fact that DER has been mistrusted by agriculture.

The other law Casey signed establishes a permanent agency within DER which is to serve basically as a watchdog group on behalf of agricultural interests.

The creation of a 22-member DER Ag Advisory Board was done

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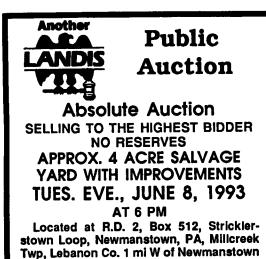
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to secure a review by agriculture of all regulations considered by DER which may affect agriculture.

The board was seen as being needed in order to provide DER with better insight into the consequences and full impact of its regulations to the state's agricultural industry.

While the authority of the board appears limited in the proposal, the influence of the board is expected to be considerable.

In proposing legislation for the creation of a 22-member DER Agricultural Adivsory Board, the state General Assembly had stated the importance of agriculture to the Pennsylvania economy and to its environment.

The proposed law --introduced by Sen. Patrick Stapleton, D-Indianna, Sen. Robert Mellow, D-Peckville, and Sen. William Stewart, D-Johnstown --states, "The family farmers of this Commonwealth (sic) have a deep and rich history of responsible land

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stewardship. This Commonwealth's first environmentalists were farmers. State agencies must be more mindful of the impact that certain policies, rules and regulations impose upon the family farmers of this Commonwealth."

The board is to be comprised of one representative each from the the Pennsylvania State Grange, the Pennsylvania Farmers Association (Farm Bureau), and the Pennsylvania Farmers Union; a dairy producers, a livestock producer, a poultry producers, a grain producer, a fruit producer, a vegetable producer, a representative of the ornamental horticulture industry, a producer using sustainable agriculture, a representative of the agricultural industry; a representative from the state Association of Conservation District Directors, one from Penn State University; one each from the USDA Soil Conservation Service and the USDA Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service; one each from the state

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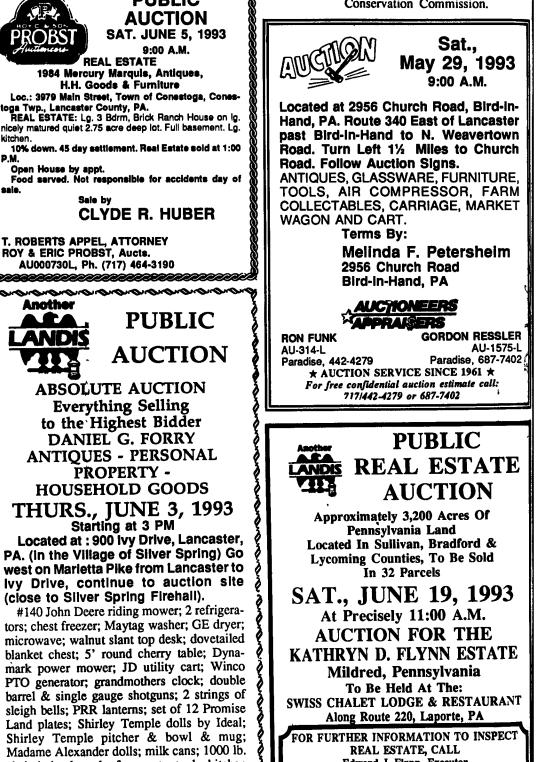
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Department of Agriculture and DER; and the majority and minority chairmen of the Senate and House Agricultural and Rural Affairs committees.

Under the proposal, DER would be required to notify the board of the "development of any regulatory proposal which would regulate agriculture as early as possible, but not less than 120 days prior to the date the Environmental Quality Board meets to initially consider any proposed rule making ..."

Further, the proposal grants that the board can request (within 30 days of being notified by DER that it is considering regulations affecting agriculture) a meeting with DER to discuss the forming of regulations and then the board may then submit written comments; and those comments are to be included in any proposal package DER sends to the Environmental -Quality Board.

The chairman of the board is to rotate among all members, unlike the chair position within the State Conservation Commission.



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