



# Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

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## **Summary House Bill 1565, P.N. 4116** **Prime Sponsor: Representative Hahn**

### **Summary**

- Amends the Clean Streams Law (Act 394 of 1937) providing for limitations on riparian buffers.

### **Analysis**

- Provides for the use or installation of riparian buffers and riparian forest buffers may be used as a choice among best management practices (BMP), design standards and alternatives to minimize the potential for accelerated erosion and sedimentation and to protect, maintain, reclaim and restore water quality and for existing and designated uses.
- Projects not using a riparian buffer as the preferred BMP in special protection watersheds must provide for a buffer replacement elsewhere as close to the project site as possible, within the same drainage basin, while also utilizing other BMPs at the project site to maintain water quality.

### **Effective Date**

- This act shall take effect in 60 days.