

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 260

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

WATER/DRINKING WATER: Requires testing by the state for secondary contaminants in privately operated community water systems

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:5.6.2, relative to testing of drinking water; to require the office of public
3 health to perform tests on water supplied by certain water systems; to require testing
4 for certain contaminants in privately operated community water systems; to provide
5 an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:5.6.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §5.6.2. Privately operated community water systems; testing for secondary
9 contaminants

10 A. As used in this Section, "secondary contaminant" means a substance for
11 which secondary maximum contaminant levels are established in the National
12 Secondary Drinking Water Regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency, 40
13 CFR Part 143.

14 B. In addition to the requirements of R.S. 40:5.6, the office of public health
15 of the Louisiana Department of Health shall, at least once per calendar year, perform
16 tests for secondary contaminants in water supplied by each privately operated
17 community water system in this state at no cost to the water system or to any
18 municipality or parish governing authority that contracts with the water system.

19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective January 1, 2021.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for testing by the office of public health for secondary water contaminants in privately operated community water systems.

Present law requires the office of public health (OPH) to perform all inspections, tests, or procedures on public water supplies as may be authorized by the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law defines "community water system" as a public water system that serves year-round residents within a residential setting. Provides that examples of community water systems include systems serving municipalities, water districts, subdivisions, and mobile home parks. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law defines "secondary contaminant", for purposes of proposed law, as a substance for which secondary maximum contaminant levels are established in the National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations of the EPA.

Proposed law provides that in addition to the requirements of present law relative to testing of water supplies, OPH shall, at least once per calendar year, perform tests for secondary contaminants in water supplied by each privately operated community water system in La. at no cost to the water system or to any municipality or parish governing authority that contracts with the water system.

Effective Jan. 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 40:5.6.2)