DIGEST

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Guillory HB No. 471

Abstract: Prohibits the use, installation or repair, introduction into commerce, or selling pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, or flux that is not "lead free" when used for conveying water for human consumption.

Proposed law provides no person shall use any pipe, pipe or plumbing fitting or fixture, solder, or flux that is not lead free in the installation or repair of any public water system or any plumbing in a facility providing water for human consumption, except when necessary for the repair of leaded joints of cast iron pipes.

Proposed law provides no person shall introduce into commerce any pipe, pipe or plumbing fitting, or fixture intended to convey or dispense water for human consumption through drinking or cooking that is not lead free, including kitchen faucets, bathroom faucets, and any other end-use devices intended to convey or dispense water for human consumption through drinking or cooking. Proposed law provides for exclusions for nonpotable purposes.

Proposed law provides that no person engaged in the business of selling plumbing supplies, except a manufacture, shall sell solder or flux that is not lead free.

Proposed law provides that no person shall introduce into commerce any solder or flux that is lead free unless the solder or flux bears a prominent label stating that it is illegal to use the solder or flux in the installation or repair of any plumbing providing water for human consumption.

Proposed law defines "lead free".

Proposed law provides that all pipe, pipe or plumbing fittings or fixtures, solder, or flux shall be certified by an independent American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited third party as being in compliance with proposed law.

Proposed law requires the Dept of Health and Hospitals to promulgate rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Section.

Present law provides for the enforcement of violations of provisions prohibiting use and sale of lead-based paint and the removal of lead-based paint in certain circumstances as health code violations by all local health officers, health unit supervisors concurrently with the state health officer. Such violations are treated as emergency matters.

Proposed law retains present law except adds violations of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 40:1299.28; Adds R.S. 40:1299.27.1)