

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 75

BY SENATORS MORRELL AND BUFFINGTON

PUBLIC HEALTH. Provides relative to the minimum disinfectant residual levels of free or total chlorine throughout public water systems. (8/1/14)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:4.15, relative to public water systems; to provide with respect to certain disinfectant levels; to provide for an annual report; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:4.15 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4.15. Minimum disinfectant residual level of free or total chlorine throughout public water systems; rules and regulations; reporting

A. The Department of Health and Hospitals, office of public health, shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act that require a public water system to maintain a minimum disinfectant level of at least 0.1 parts per million of free or total chlorine in the water being delivered to the distribution system, in finished water storage tanks, and in all points of the distribution.

B. The department shall review such rules and regulations as necessary and shall submit an annual report as to the state of public water systems across Louisiana to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health and Welfare no later than February first of each year.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

DIGEST

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Proposed law provides the Department of Health and Hospitals, office of public health, shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act that require a public water system to maintain a minimum disinfectant level of at least 0.1 parts per million of free or total chlorine in the water being delivered to the distribution system, in finished water storage tanks, and in all points of the distribution.

Proposed law provides the department shall submit an annual report to the legislative health and welfare committees, no later than February 1st of each year.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 40:4.15)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Provides a minimum disinfectant level of at least 0.1 parts per million of free or total chlorine in the water being delivered to the distribution system, in finished water storage tanks, and in all points of the distribution.