

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 75

BY SENATORS MORRELL, BUFFINGTON AND PEACOCK

PUBLIC HEALTH. Provides relative to the minimum disinfectant residual levels of free or total chlorine throughout public and private 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 exemptions; 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. This Section shall apply to any water system that provides water for residential consumption and use.**

**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**

1        Louisiana to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House  
2        Committee on Health and Welfare no later than February first of each year.

3                C. An industrial user or consumer that owns, operates, and maintains a  
4        water system dedicated to the exclusive use of its operations shall be exempt  
5        from any requirement to maintain a minimum disinfectant level of free or total  
6        chlorine in its water system.

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#### 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 or private 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. Exempts any industrial user with its own system that is dedicated exclusively to its operations.

Proposed law provides the department shall submit an annual report to the legislative health and welfare committees, no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

##### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Exempts any industrial user with its own system that is dedicated exclusively to its operations.
2. Makes proposed law applicable to any water system providing water for residential consumption and use.