
DIGEST

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SB No. 75

Proposed law provides the Dept. of Health and Hospitals, office of public health, shall promulgate rules and regulations that require a public or private water system to maintain a minimum disinfectant level 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. Prohibits such rules and regulations from specifying a minimum disinfectant level of less than 0.1 parts per million (ppm).

Proposed law provides for any industrial user or consumer that owns, operates, or maintains a water system that is dedicated exclusively to its operations may apply for a variance. Requires the department to review the variance request and criteria to grant the variance. Proposed law provides that current holders of a variance are not required to reapply for a variance.

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.

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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the reengrossed bill.

1. Prohibits rules and regulations from specifying a minimum disinfectant level of less than 0.1 ppm.
2. Changes proposed law from an exemption for certain users and consumers to authority to apply for a variance.