

SENATE BILL NO. 75

BY SENATORS MORRELL, BUFFINGTON AND PEACOCK

1 AN ACT

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

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 **§4.15. Minimum disinfectant residual level of free or total chlorine throughout**
8 **public water systems; rules and regulations; reporting**

9 **A. The Department of Health and Hospitals, office of public health, shall**
10 **promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act**
11 **that require a public water system to maintain a minimum disinfectant level of**
12 **free or total chlorine in the water being delivered to the distribution system, in**
13 **finished water storage tanks, and in all points of the distribution. Such rules**
14 **and regulations shall not specify a minimum disinfectant level of less than 0.1**
15 **parts per million. This Section shall apply to any water system that provides**
16 **water for residential consumption and use. However, the provisions of this**
17 **Section shall not apply to any private water system that supplies water to three**
18 **or less residences or that is used primarily for agricultural operations as defined**
19 **in R.S. 3:3602(5).**

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

24 **C. An industrial user that owns, operates, and maintains a water system**
25 **dedicated to the exclusive use of its operations or facilities may apply for a**
26 **variance from any requirement to maintain a minimum disinfectant level of free**

1 or total chlorine in its water system. The department shall review any such
2 variance request and may grant approval if not inconsistent with applicable
3 federal statute, rule, or regulation. Nothing in this Section shall be construed
4 to require such an industrial user or consumer holding such a variance or
5 holding a variance pending final agency determination to reapply for such
6 variance.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____