

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2004 SESSION

## CHAPTER 317

*An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the development of emergency plans for the safe handling of public water supplies during any extended power outage.*

[H 1198]

Approved March 31, 2004

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 32.1-170. Regulations.

The regulations of the Board governing waterworks, water supplies, and pure water shall be designed to protect the public health and promote the public welfare and shall include criteria and procedures to accomplish these purposes.

The regulations may include, without limitation:

1. Requirements and procedures for the issuance of permits required by this article;
2. Minimum health and aesthetic standards for pure water;
3. Minimum standards for the quality of water which may be taken into a waterworks;
4. Criteria for the siting, design, and construction of water supplies and waterworks;
5. Requirements for inspections, examinations, and testing of raw or finished water;
6. A requirement that owners submit (i) regular samples of water for bacteriological, chemical, radiological, physical, or other tests or (ii) the results of such tests from such laboratory as may be acceptable to the Commissioner;
7. Requirements for record keeping and reporting;
8. Methodology for determining the waterworks operation fee authorized by § 32.1-171.1; ~~and~~
9. *Requirements and criteria for the development and maintenance of an emergency management plan for each community public water supply for the provision of pure water during any extended power outage; and*
10. Such other provisions as may be necessary to guarantee a supply of pure water.

**2. That the Board of Health shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.**