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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-172.1, relating to waterworks, yield testing; monitoring of existing active wells.*

Patron—Hugo

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-172.1 as follows:

§ 32.1-172.1. Waterworks; yield test; monitoring of existing active wells.

A. Prior to issuing a permit to operate a waterworks to a waterworks that will be used for commercial purposes and that is expected to provide more than 500 gallons of water per day, the Commissioner shall require a yield test of such waterworks system, which shall be at least 48 hours in duration and shall include monitoring of all active wells located within 500 feet of the water source for the waterworks system for which the permit is sought or, if no existing active wells are located within 500 feet of such water source, of all existing active wells located on lots that are adjacent to the lot on which the water source is located to determine the impact on such existing active wells of the waterworks for which a permit is sought.

B. If, during the course of the yield test and monitoring required pursuant to subsection A, any existing active well located within 500 feet of the water source for the waterworks system for which the permit is sought or, if no existing active well is located within 500 feet of such water source, any existing active well located on a lot that is adjacent to the lot on which the water source is located shows a reduction in well efficiency of five percent or more, or cannot supply the dwelling it serves with a continuous water supply for a minimum of 20 minutes at the maximum pumping rate, the application shall be denied.

C. If an owner of an existing active well for which monitoring is required pursuant to this section waives monitoring, in writing, such well will not be monitored during the yield test required pursuant to subsection A.

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