

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2000 SESSION

CHAPTER 1004

An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-2144 of the Code of Virginia, relating to inspection of public water supply.

[H 909]

Approved April 9, 2000

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-2144 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-2144. Inspection of water supplies.

A. Every locality may regulate and inspect public and private water supplies; the production, preparation, transmission and distribution of water; and the sanitation of establishments, systems, facilities and equipment in or by means of which water is produced, prepared, transmitted and distributed. It may prevent the pollution of such water supplies; and, without liability to the owner thereof, may prevent the transmission or distribution of water when it is found to be polluted, adulterated, impure or dangerous.

B. Every public water supply operator shall at least quarterly test the public water supply for the presence of methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE). The locality shall maintain a record of testing conducted pursuant to this subsection. If the results of any test conducted pursuant to this subsection indicates the presence of MTBE in excess of fifteen parts per billion, the locality shall immediately notify the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health. The Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services shall maintain and make available, upon the request of any person, a list of laboratories, accredited under the provisions of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. § 300f et seq.) to analyze samples, located throughout the Commonwealth that possess the technical expertise to analyze water samples for the presence of MTBE. Any lab seeking accreditation under the Safe Drinking Water Act may contact the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services. The Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services shall establish a fee system to offset the costs of tests performed on behalf of public water supply operators.

2. That the Department of General Services' Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2000, on the estimated costs and personnel requirements for administering tests pursuant to this act.