

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

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5 Approved

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

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

8 § 15.2-2144. Inspection of water supplies.

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

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

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

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