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SENATE BILL NO. 1013

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-175.2, relating to waterworks; contaminants; PFAS chemicals; notification to customers.*

Patrons—Edwards; Delegate: Kory

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-175.2 as follows:

§ 32.1-175.2. *Notification of water contamination to waterworks customers.*

A. *For the purposes of this section, "PFAS chemicals" means a class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom, also referred to as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.*

B. *Upon receiving results from a water quality analysis, a waterworks owner shall notify customers when (i) PFAS chemicals are present in the water supply or (ii) a contaminant in the water supply exceeds the maximum contaminant level established in the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (40 C.F.R. Part 141) or the maximum contaminant level established by the Board in regulations, whichever is more stringent. Such notification shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected areas within 10 business days of the waterworks owner receiving results from a water quality analysis and mailed to all customers via the United States Postal Service within five business days of the waterworks owner receiving results from a water quality analysis. Such published and mailed notifications shall include:*

1. *The date that a sample was taken for the water quality analysis and the date that the waterworks owner received the results of such water quality analysis;*

2. *The name of the contaminant or contaminants and the amount of the contaminant or contaminants as it relates to the maximum contaminant levels in subsection B;*

3. *Information regarding potential adverse health impacts and populations that may be at an increased risk of potential adverse health impacts as a result of exposure to the contaminant or contaminants;*

4. *Actions that the waterworks owner has taken, is taking, or will take to reduce the level of the contaminant or contaminants; and*

5. *The name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of a public contact or customer service representative at the waterworks.*

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