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HOUSE BILL NO. 611

Offered January 25, 1994

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Board of Health requirements for public water supplies.*

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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.

A. 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. Such other provisions as may be necessary to guarantee a supply of pure water.

B. *In establishing the requirements and procedures for the issuance of permits, the Board shall not require the waterworks owner to maintain or retain at least one individual licensed as a professional engineer in Virginia with at least two years' experience in the design and construction of water distribution systems; the Board's requirements for engineering expertise shall be no more stringent than the requirements for state and local employees as set forth in Chapter 4 (§ 54.1-400 et seq.) of Title 54.1.*

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