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SYNOPSIS

Requires public water systems to compile, and submit to DEP, lead service line inventories.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning lead service lines in public water systems and
2 supplementing Title 58 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. No later than one year after the effective date of this act,
8 each public water system in the State shall compile, and submit to
9 the Department of Environmental Protection, an inventory of lead
10 service lines in use in its distribution system.

11 b. A public water system shall make its lead service line
12 inventory available, upon request, and at no cost, to appropriate
13 State and local government officials, and to residents served by the
14 public water system.

15 c. No later than 90 days after the effective date of this act, the
16 department shall develop, and publish on its Internet website, a
17 guidance document to assist public water systems in compiling the
18 lead service line inventories required pursuant to subsection a. of
19 this section. The guidance document shall reference industry best
20 practices and standards for identifying lead service lines.

21 d. No later than 24 months after the effective date of this act,
22 the department shall submit a written report to the Governor and,
23 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the
24 Legislature, assessing the extent of lead service lines in the State
25 and recommending new policies to address the public health
26 hazards posed by lead service lines.

27 e. The department may adopt, pursuant to the “Administrative
28 Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), any rules and
29 regulations necessary to implement this act.

30 f. As used in this section:

31 “Department” means the Department of Environmental
32 Protection.

33 “Public water system” means the same as that term is defined in
34 section 3 of P.L.1977, c.224 (C.58:12A-3).

35 “Service line” means the pipe, tubing, and fittings connecting a
36 water main to an individual water meter or service connection.

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38 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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43 This bill would require each public water system in the State to
44 compile, and report to the Department of Environmental Protection
45 (DEP), an inventory of lead service lines in use in its distribution
46 system. Under the bill, a public water system would be required to
47 make its lead service line inventory available, upon request, and at
48 no cost, to appropriate State and local government officials, and to

1 residents served by the public water system. The DEP would be
2 required to develop, and publish on its Internet website, a guidance
3 document, based on industry best practices, to assist public water
4 systems in compiling the lead service line inventories required by
5 the bill. Finally, within 24 months after the effective date of the
6 bill, the DEP would be required to submit a report to the Governor
7 and the Legislature assessing the extent of lead service lines in the
8 State and recommending new policies to address the public health
9 hazards posed by lead service lines.