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SYNOPSIS

Requires certain water companies to provide representative of fire department, fire district, or volunteer fire company access to fire hydrants for water flow rate testing purposes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning certain fire hydrant access and supplementing
2 Title 48 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule,
8 regulation, or order to the contrary, a water company operating as a
9 public utility, pursuant to R.S.48:2-13, shall allow an authorized
10 representative of a fire department, fire district, or volunteer fire
11 company to access a fire hydrant used by the fire department, fire
12 district, or volunteer fire company for public fire protection
13 purposes, in order to ascertain the water flow rate of a fire hydrant.

14 b. As used in this section:

15 “Fire department” shall have the same meaning as provided in
16 section 2 of P.L.1977, c.85 (C.34:13A-15);

17 “Fire district” means a fire district organized pursuant to the
18 provisions of N.J.S.40A:14-70 et seq.; and

19 “Volunteer fire company” means a volunteer fire company
20 organized pursuant to Title 15 of the Revised Statutes or Title 15A
21 of the New Jersey Statutes.

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
24 inoperative for 60 days following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill requires a water company operating as a public utility
30 under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to
31 allow an authorized representative of a fire department, fire district,
32 or volunteer fire company to access a fire hydrant used by the fire
33 department, fire district, or volunteer fire company for public fire
34 protection purposes, in order to ascertain the water flow rate of a
35 fire hydrant.