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SYNOPSIS

Requires boil water notices be provided to mayor and municipal clerk within one hour.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning notification of boil water notices to mayors and
2 municipal clerks and supplementing P.L.1977, c.224 (C.58:12A-
3 1 et seq.).

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

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8 1. a. Whenever any public water system experiences an
9 emergency or other condition that requires the issuance of a boil
10 water notice, the owner or operator of the public water system shall
11 provide notice to the mayor and municipal clerk of each
12 municipality that receives water from the public water system that a
13 boil water notice is in effect.

14 b. The notice required pursuant to subsection a. of this section
15 shall be:

16 (1) provided as soon as possible, but in no case later than one
17 hour after the public water system learns of the emergency or other
18 condition;

19 (2) given via both telephone and electronic mail; and

20 (3) issued in addition to any other notice required by State or
21 federal law.

22 c. The notice provided pursuant to subsection a. of this section
23 shall contain:

24 (1) the name of the public water system affected;

25 (2) the geographical area affected;

26 (3) the date of the occurrence giving rise to the boil water
27 notice;

28 (4) the consumer corrective measures to be taken by consumers
29 of the water; and

30 (5) a telephone number where the mayor, the municipal clerk,
31 and customers may reach an appropriate party to whom questions or
32 other concerns about the boil water notice or the situation
33 necessitating issuance of the notice may be addressed.

34 d. Upon rescission of the boil water notice, the owner or
35 operator of the public water system shall provide notice to the
36 mayor and municipal clerk of each municipality that receives water
37 from the public water system that the boil water notice has been
38 rescinded. This notice shall be provided via both telephone and
39 electronic mail.

40 e. For the purposes of this section:

41 “Boil water notice” means a Tier 1 Public Notice required
42 pursuant to the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s
43 National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at Part 141, subpart
44 Q of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations.

45 “Public transient noncommunity water system” means a public
46 water system that is not a public community water system or a
47 public nontransient noncommunity water system and that serves at

1 least 25 transient individuals for at least 60 days in any given
2 calendar year.

3 “Public water system” means the same as the term is defined in
4 section 3 of P.L.1977, c.224 (C.58:12A-3), except that it shall not
5 include a public transient noncommunity water system.

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7 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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10 STATEMENT

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12 This bill would require a public water system to provide notice to
13 the mayor and municipal clerk of each municipality that receives
14 water from the public water system when a boil water notice is in
15 effect. Under the bill, the owner or operator of the public water
16 system would be required to provide notice to the mayor and
17 municipal clerk via telephone and electronic mail as soon as
18 possible, but in no case later than one hour after the public water
19 system learns of the emergency or other condition requiring a boil
20 water notice to be issued. This notice would be in addition to any
21 other notice required by State or federal law.

22 The bill requires this notice to contain: the name of the public
23 water system affected; the geographical area affected; the date of
24 the occurrence giving rise to the boil water notice; the consumer
25 corrective measures to be taken by consumers of the water; and a
26 telephone number where the mayor, the municipal clerk, and
27 customers may reach an appropriate party to whom questions or
28 other concerns about the boil water notice or the situation
29 necessitating issuance of the notice may be addressed.

30 The bill also requires the owner or operator of the public water
31 system to provide notice, via both telephone and electronic mail, to
32 the mayor and municipal clerk of each municipality that receives
33 water from the public water system when the boil water notice has
34 been rescinded.

35 The bill would require notice be provided to the mayor and
36 municipal clerk of each municipality that receives water from the
37 public water system, regardless of whether the boil water notice is
38 in effect for the municipality. This bill will ensure that the mayor
39 and municipal clerk are given prompt notice of the conditions of the
40 public water system providing water to the municipality.