
SENATE BILL 5105

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By Senators Eide, Morton, Jacobsen and Winsley; by request of Department of Health

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1 AN ACT Relating to revising the definition of public water system
2 to include systems providing water through constructed conveyances, in
3 conformance with federal law; amending RCW 70.119A.020; and creating a
4 new section.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares that the
7 provision of safe and reliable water supplies is essential to public
8 health and the continued economic vitality of the state of Washington.
9 Maintaining the authority necessary to ensure safe and reliable water
10 supplies requires that state laws conform with the provisions of the
11 federal safe drinking water act. It is the intent of the legislature
12 that the definition of public water system be amended to reflect recent
13 amendments to the federal safe drinking water act.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.119A.020 and 1994 c 252 s 2 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following
17 definitions apply throughout this chapter:

18 (1) "Department" means the department of health.

1 (2) "Local board of health" means the city, town, county, or
2 district board of health.

3 (3) "Local health jurisdiction" means an entity created under
4 chapter 70.05, 70.08, or 70.46 RCW which provides public health
5 services to persons within the area.

6 (4) "Public water system" means any system, excluding a system
7 serving only one single-family residence and a system with four or
8 fewer connections all of which serve residences on the same farm,
9 providing ((~~pip~~ed)) water for human consumption through pipes or other
10 constructed conveyances, including any collection, treatment, storage,
11 or distribution facilities under control of the purveyor and used
12 primarily in connection with the system; and collection or pretreatment
13 storage facilities not under control of the purveyor but primarily used
14 in connection with the system, including:

15 (a) Any collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities
16 under control of the purveyor and used primarily in connection with
17 such system; and

18 (b) Any collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under
19 control of the purveyor which are primarily used in connection with
20 such system.

21 (5) "Order" means a written direction to comply with a provision of
22 the regulations adopted under RCW 43.20.050(2)(a) or 70.119.050 or to
23 take an action or a series of actions to comply with the regulations.

24 (6) "Purveyor" means any agency or subdivision of the state or any
25 municipal corporation, firm, company, mutual or cooperative
26 association, institution, partnership, or person or any other entity,
27 that owns or operates a public water system. It also means the
28 authorized agents of any such entities.

29 (7) "Regulations" means rules adopted to carry out the purposes of
30 this chapter.

31 (8) "Federal safe drinking water act" means the federal safe
32 drinking water act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 300f et seq., as now in effect or
33 hereafter amended.

34 (9) "Area-wide waivers" means a waiver granted by the department as
35 a result of a geographically based testing program meeting required
36 provisions of the federal safe drinking water act.

37 (10) "Local health officer" means the legally qualified physician
38 who has been appointed as the health officer for the city, town,
39 county, or district public health department.

1 (11) "Person" includes, but is not limited to, natural persons,
2 municipal corporations, governmental agencies, firms, companies, mutual
3 or cooperative associations, institutions, and partnerships. It also
4 means the authorized agents of any such entities.

5 (12) "Public health emergency" means a declaration by an authorized
6 health official of a situation in which either illness, or exposure
7 known to cause illness, is occurring or is imminent.

8 (13) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of health.

9 (14) "State board of health" is the board created by RCW 43.20.030.

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