

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1200

As Amended by the Senate

Title: An act relating to requiring private operation of publicly owned sewerage systems that fail to achieve minimum water quality performance.

Brief Description: Requiring private operation of publicly owned sewerage systems that fail to achieve minimum water quality performance.

Sponsors: Representatives Caldier, Stokesbary and Eslick.

Committee Activity:

None.

Brief Summary of Bill

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Staff: Yelena Baker (786-7301).

Background:

An officer must comply with all of the elements of the "knock and announce" rule, unless there are exigent circumstances or it would otherwise be considered a useless gesture. The courts look to certain factors to determine if there were exigent circumstances, including: (1) the gravity or violent nature of the offense with which the suspect is to be charged; (2) whether the suspect is reasonably believed to be armed; (3) whether there is reasonably trustworthy information that the suspect is guilty; (4) whether there is strong reason to believe that the suspect is on the premises; (5) the likelihood that the suspect will escape if not swiftly apprehended; and (6) whether the entry is made peaceably.

A "no-knock warrant" is a legal term referring to a warrant where the court has provided advance authorization to enter without complying with the "knock and announce" rule. State statute neither authorizes nor prohibits "no-knock warrants."

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Summary of Bill:

EFFECT OF SENATE AMENDMENT(S):

Appropriation:

Fiscal Note:

Effective Date:

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

Persons Testifying: None.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.