

58:12A-1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Water supplies--drinking water)

NJSA: 58:12A-1

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BILL NO: A2160

SPONSOR(S): Steele

DATE INTRODUCED: June 17, 1996

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SENATE: Health

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SENATE: December 18 1997

DATE OF APPROVAL: January 8, 1998

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COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

SENATE: Yes

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P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 314, *approved January 8, 1998*
Assembly, No. 2160 (*First Reprint*)

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11 document reporting the results of the tests shall also include a list of
12 contaminants found in the water and acceptable levels of these
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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AES committee amendments adopted May 12, 1997.

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19 This bill requires any supplier of water in the State required by
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22 of the results of the required testing and provide the customers with
23 a list of contaminants found in water and acceptable levels of these
24 contaminants. The term "supplier of water" is defined in the "Safe
25 Drinking Water Act," P.L.1977, c.224 (C.58:12A-1 et seq.), as a
26 person who owns or operates a public water system. A public water
27 system is defined under the law as a system for the provision of piped
28 water for human consumption with at least 15 service connections or
29 regularly serving at least 25 individuals.

30 Similar legislation requiring notification of water test results has
31 been introduced in Congress.

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[Passed Both Houses]

[First Reprint]

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ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2160

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 12, 1997

The Assembly Environment, Science and Technology Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2160 with committee amendments.

This bill requires any supplier of water in the State required by federal or State law to test the water supplied from public water systems to annually notify each of the customers supplied with water of the results of the required testing and provide the customers with a list of contaminants found in water and acceptable levels of these contaminants. The term "supplier of water" is defined in the "Safe Drinking Water Act," P.L.1977, c.224 (C.58:12A-1 et seq.), as a person who owns or operates a public water system. A public water system is defined under the law as a system for the provision of piped water for human consumption with at least 15 service connections or regularly serving at least 25 individuals.

The committee amendments would clarify that notification should be made in writing by mail.

SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2160

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 11, 1997

The Senate Health Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2160 (1R).

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This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1779 SCA (Scott/Kosco), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2160

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 11, 1997

Assembly Bill No. 2160 (1R) of 1996 requires owners or operators of public water systems who periodically test the water from these systems for contaminants, pursuant to federal or State law, to annually notify their customers, by mail, of the results of these tests. Such written notification should include a list of the contaminants found in the water and the acceptable levels of these contaminants. According to the "Safe Drinking Water Act," P.L.1977, c.224 (C.58:12A-1 et seq.), a public water system is defined as a system for the provision of piped water for human consumption with at least 15 service connections or regularly serving at least 25 individuals.

The Office of Legislative Services estimates that the bill's enactment would have no fiscal impact on the State Budget. The Department of Environmental Protection, which would be responsible for enforcing the bill's provisions, should incur no additional costs because existing staff should be able to handle this responsibility within the normal course of their duties. With respect to municipalities that own public water systems, they should incur only nominal expenses in providing the required information to their customers, which could be included in periodic billing statements.

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.