

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public water systems;
3 amending s. 381.0062, F.S.; revising the
4 definition of "public consumption"; reducing
5 minimum fees for water systems under
6 jurisdiction of the Department of Health;
7 removing an annual testing requirement for an
8 exemption from permitting for certain
9 establishments with limited-use public water
10 systems; providing for annual testing to retain
11 potable water status; providing an effective
12 date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subsection (2), and
17 paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) of subsection (3) and paragraph
18 (b) of subsection (6) of section 381.0062, Florida Statutes,
19 1996 Supplement, are amended to read:

20 381.0062 Supervision; private and certain public water
21 systems.--

22 (2) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section:

23 (k) "Public consumption" means oral ingestion or
24 physical contact with water by a person for any purpose other
25 than cleaning work areas or simple handwashing. Examples of
26 public consumption include, when making food or beverages
27 available to the general public, water used for washing food,
28 cooking utensils, or food service areas and water used for
29 preparing food or beverages; ~~hairwashing; showers;~~ washing
30 surfaces accessed by children as in a child care center or
31 similar setting; washing medical instruments or surfaces

1 accessed by a patient; any water usage in health care
2 facilities; emergency washing devices such as eye washing
3 sinks; washing in food processing plants or establishments
4 like slaughterhouses and packinghouses; and water used in
5 schools.

6 (3) SUPERVISION.--The department and its agents shall
7 have general supervision and control over all private water
8 systems, and public water systems not covered or included in
9 the Florida Safe Drinking Water Act (part VI of chapter 403),
10 and over those aspects of the public water supply program for
11 which it has the duties and responsibilities provided for in
12 part VI of chapter 403. The department shall:

13 (d) Require a fee from the supplier of water in an
14 amount sufficient to cover the costs of reviewing and acting
15 upon any application for the construction, modification, or
16 operation of a limited use community and limited use
17 commercial public water system, of not less than \$10~~\$40~~ or
18 more than \$90 annually.

19 (e) Require a fee from the supplier of water in an
20 amount sufficient to cover the costs of reviewing and acting
21 upon any application for the construction or change of
22 ownership of a private water system serving more than one
23 residence, of not less than \$10~~\$40~~ or more than \$90.

24 (f) Require a fee from the supplier of water in an
25 amount sufficient to cover the costs of sample collection,
26 review of analytical results, health-risk interpretations, and
27 coordination with other agencies when such work is not
28 included in paragraphs (b) and (c) and is requested by the
29 supplier of water, of not less than \$10~~\$40~~ or more than \$90.

30 (6) VARIANCES AND EXEMPTIONS.--

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1 (b) Any establishment with a limited-use commercial
2 public water system which does not make tap water available
3 for public consumption and meets the water quality standards
4 established by the department shall be exempt from obtaining
5 an annual operating permit from the department, provided the
6 supplier of water:

7 1. Registers with the department;

8 2. Performs an initial water quality clearance of the
9 water supply system ~~well~~; and

10 3. Reregisters with the department ~~Conducts annual~~
11 ~~testing for bacteria in the form of one satisfactory~~
12 ~~microbiological sample per calendar year.~~in the event that
13 the establishment changes ownership or business activity,
14 ~~reregistration is required.~~ A fee of \$15 shall be assessed
15 for registration.

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17 A system exempt under this paragraph may, in order to retain
18 potable water status, conduct annual testing for bacteria in
19 the form of one satisfactory microbiological sample per
20 calendar year.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997.
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