

By Senator Powell

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to notice of contaminated water  
3       systems; amending s. 381.0062, F.S.; requiring the  
4       Department of Health and its agents to require  
5       suppliers of water to give public notice of water  
6       problems and corrective measures through text messages  
7       to owners or occupants of affected residences;  
8       requiring specified information to be included in the  
9       notice by text message; providing an effective date.

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

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13       Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (2) of section  
14       381.0062, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15       381.0062 Supervision; private and certain public water  
16       systems.—

17       (2) SUPERVISION.—The department and its agents shall have  
18       general supervision and control over all private water systems,  
19       multifamily water systems, and public water systems not covered  
20       or included in the Florida Safe Drinking Water Act (part VI of  
21       chapter 403), and over those aspects of the public water supply  
22       program for which it has the duties and responsibilities  
23       provided for in part VI of chapter 403. The department shall:

24       (j) Require suppliers of water to give public notice of  
25       water problems and corrective measures under the conditions  
26       specified by rule of the department. Such notice must also be  
27       provided by text message to each owner or occupant of affected  
28       residences in which health hazards exist due to contamination  
29       from pollutants or hazardous substances. The notice by text

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30 message must include the date of the findings of contamination,  
31 the levels of contamination found, and the date of restoration  
32 of potable water.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.