2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 633

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

## WATER/DRINKING WATER: Requires lead water testing for public facilities

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 40:5.6.1 and 31.33(C)(4), relative to safe drinking water; to provide for
3	legislative findings; to require water testing for lead in certain facilities; to authorize
4	a funding source; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 40:5.6.1 and 31.33(C)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§5.6.1. Safe drinking water; lead inspections and tests
8	A. The legislature finds all of the following:
9	(1) Lead is a toxic metal that is harmful to human health when it is ingested
10	or inhaled.
11	(2) Unlike most other contaminants, lead is stored in bones, and can be
12	released over time into the bloodstream.
13	(3) Even small doses of lead can build up and become a significant health
14	<u>risk.</u>
15	(4) Even though water delivered from a community's public water supply
16	must meet federal and state standards for lead, a building's plumbing may contribute
17	to elevated lead levels in the drinking water.
18	(5) Testing the water at each outlet is the only sure way to find out if the
19	water contains too much lead.

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	B. The office of public health shall perform a test, or assist in the
2	performance of testing, for elevated levels of lead in drinking water, at least once a
3	year, as funds are appropriated, on all water supplies accessible by the public in all
4	state-owned, state-operated, or state-licensed facilities.
5	C. The fees remitted to the Louisiana Department of Health pursuant to R.S.
6	40:31.33 may be used to implement and administer the provisions of this Section.
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8	§31.33. Safe drinking water fee; exemptions
9	* * *
10	C. The funds remitted to the department pursuant to Subsections A and B of
11	this Section shall be used for the following purposes:
12	* * *
13	(4) To perform tests, or assist in the performance of testing, for elevated
14	levels of lead in drinking water pursuant to R.S. 40:5.6.1.
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## DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires testing for elevated levels of lead in drinking water in state-owned, state-operated, or state-licensed facilities.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the La. Dept. of Health, office of public health to perform a test, or assist in the performance of testing, for elevated levels of lead in drinking water, at least once a year, on all water supplies accessible by the public in all state-owned, state-operated, or state-licensed facilities.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the Safe Drinking Water Fee to be used to implement and administer the provisions of <u>proposed law</u>.

(Adds R.S. 40:5.6.1 and 31.33(C)(4))