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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

Introduced By: Representatives Carnevale, Fellela, Almeida, Petrarca, and Williams

Date Introduced: January 19, 2010

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 46-13-22 of the General Laws in Chapter 46-13 entitled "Public  
2 Drinking Water Supply" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~46-13-22. Cross-connection control. -- (a) The director is hereby authorized to adopt~~  
4 ~~consistent statewide regulations governing the content of cross-connection control plans and to~~  
5 ~~require that all community public water systems and all non-transient, non-community public~~  
6 ~~water systems prepare a cross-connection control plan. The purpose of these plans shall be to~~  
7 ~~protect the public water system distribution and transmission infrastructure from contamination~~  
8 ~~through cross-connections. All community public water systems and all non-transient, non-~~  
9 ~~community public water systems shall certify to the director that said plan complies with the~~  
10 ~~regulations in accordance with the following schedule:~~

11 ~~(1) Community and non-transient, non-community public water systems serving more~~  
12 ~~than five hundred (500) people shall submit certification of compliance no later than June 30,~~  
13 ~~2009 and implement said plan immediately thereafter.~~

14 ~~(2) Community and non-transient, non-community public water systems serving five~~  
15 ~~hundred (500) people or fewer shall submit certification of compliance no later than June 30,~~  
16 ~~2012 and implement said plan immediately thereafter.~~

17 ~~(b) The regulations governing cross-connection control plans adopted by the director~~  
18 ~~shall at a minimum include: the installation of cross-connection control valves at all newly~~  
19 ~~constructed service connections prior to the provision of water service; the installation of cross~~

1 ~~connection control valves at all non-residential service connections; and the installation of cross-~~  
2 ~~connection control devices at all residential service connections; provided, however, that~~  
3 ~~installation of cross-connection control devices shall not be made a mandatory condition of a~~  
4 ~~transfer of a residential property that exists as of the effective date of this act [June 27, 2007].~~

5 ~~(c) Public water supply systems shall be authorized to terminate water service to any~~  
6 ~~customer who fails to install the appropriate cross-connection control device upon due notice.~~

7 ~~(d) The cross-connection control devices required to be installed shall be models~~  
8 ~~approved by the Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research of the~~  
9 ~~University of Southern California (FCCCHR, USC), the American Water Works Association~~  
10 ~~(AWWA), and/or the American Society of Sanitary Engineers (ASSE).~~

11 ~~(e) The director may also adopt and enforce standards including the establishment of fees~~  
12 ~~for certification of persons engaged in cross-connection surveying or backflow prevention,~~  
13 ~~assembly training, repair and maintenance testing.~~

14 ~~(f) Any regulations and/or standards promulgated, amended and/or administered~~  
15 ~~pursuant to the provisions of this section shall conform to the requirements of chapter 42-35~~  
16 ~~("The Administrative Procedures Act".)~~

17 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would repeal the section of the law which requires community public water  
2 systems and non-transient, non-community public water systems to prepare cross-connection  
3 control plans and which provides for termination of water service for customers who fail to install  
4 cross-connection control devices.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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