

# SENATE, No. 2981

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires maximum contaminant level to be established for 1,2,3-trichloropropane in drinking water.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning a maximum contaminant level for 1,2,3-  
2 trichloropropane and supplementing P.L.1977, c.224 (C.58:12A-  
3 1 et seq.).

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. The Drinking Water Quality Institute established pursuant  
9 to section 10 of P.L.1983, c.443 (C.58:12A-20) shall study the issue  
10 of 1,2,3-trichloropropane levels in drinking water and, within 90  
11 days after the date of enactment of this act, recommend to the  
12 Department of Environmental Protection a maximum contaminant  
13 level for 1,2,3-trichloropropane in drinking water.

14 b. The Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt,  
15 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
16 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), a maximum contaminant level for 1,2,3-  
17 trichloropropane based upon the recommendation made by the  
18 Drinking Water Quality Institute pursuant to subsection a. of this  
19 section. The department shall adopt the maximum contaminant  
20 level for 1,2,3-trichloropropane within 180 days after receiving the  
21 recommendation thereon from the institute.

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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26 STATEMENT

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28 This bill directs the Drinking Water Quality Institute (DWQI) to  
29 study the issue of 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP) levels in  
30 drinking water and recommend, within 90 days, to the Department  
31 of Environmental Protection (DEP) a maximum contaminant level  
32 (mcl) for 1,2,3-TCP. The bill further directs the DEP to adopt the  
33 mcl for 1,2,3-TCP based upon the recommendation made by the  
34 DWQI within 180 days after receiving the recommendation.

35 The chemical, 1,2,3-TCP, is a man-made and persistent  
36 substance used for paint removal and other purposes. It has been  
37 classified a "likely" carcinogen by the United States Environmental  
38 Protection Agency. According to the DEP, it is a potent genotoxic  
39 carcinogen which occurs in drinking water at levels resulting in  
40 significant cancer risk based on test results from New Jersey public  
41 and non-public water supplies.