

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 98

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen HOLZAPFEL and WOLFE

1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** memorializing the Congress of the United States
2 to enact H.R.3429 (the "Water Quality Public Right-To-Know Act of
3 1996"), which amends the federal "Safe Drinking Water Act" to require
4 each community water system to prepare and provide an annual consumer
5 confidence report concerning drinking water purveyed by that system.
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7 **WHEREAS**, Water is a natural resource critical to the public health, safety and
8 welfare, and every effort must be made to ensure that the nation's drinking
9 water supply is sufficient both in quantity and quality; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Both point source and nonpoint source pollution as well as natural
11 events constantly threaten the potability of the nation's drinking water
12 supply, and recent events have acted as a reminder of the need to be
13 vigilant in safeguarding and monitoring public water supplies; and

14 **WHEREAS**, All citizens who obtain their water from community water systems
15 are entitled to know whether or not they are drinking water that is clean
16 and safe, the source or sources of that water, what contaminants are
17 present in the water, and the maximum contaminant levels permitted by law
18 or regulation; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Legislation, recently introduced in Congress and known as the
20 "Water Quality Public Right-To-Know Act of 1996" (H.R. 3429), would
21 respond to that need by amending the federal "Safe Drinking Water Act"
22 to require each community water system to publish annually in appropriate
23 local newspapers and mail at least annually to each customer of the system
24 a comprehensive report on the level of contaminants in the drinking water
25 purveyed by that system; now, therefore,
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27 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

29 1. The Congress of the United States is respectfully memorialized to
30 enact H.R.3429 (the "Water Quality Public Right-To-Know Act of 1996"),
31 which amends the federal "Safe Drinking Water Act" to require each
32 community water system to prepare and provide an annual consumer
33 confidence report concerning drinking water purveyed by that system.
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35 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of

1 the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted
2 to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
3 House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the United
4 States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, every member
5 of Congress elected from this State, the Administrator of the United States
6 Environmental Protection Agency, the Region II Administrator of that agency,
7 and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental
8 Protection.

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23 Know Act of 1996"), which requires community water systems to prepare
24 annual consumer confidence reports.