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SYNOPSIS

Requires DEP to make certain information regarding water purveyors available on its Internet website.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning public access to information concerning water
2 purveyors and supplementing P.L.2017, c.133 (C.58:31-1 et
3 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 department shall publish on its Internet website, in an
9 easily accessible format, and update as appropriate:

10 (1) each mitigation plan submitted by a water purveyor pursuant
11 to section 5 of P.L.2017, c.133 (C.58:31-5), if applicable;

12 (2) each certification submitted by a water purveyor pursuant to
13 section 6 of P.L.2017, c.133 (C.58:31-6); and

14 (3) each report submitted by a water purveyor based on its asset
15 management plan pursuant to subsection b. of section 7 of
16 P.L.2017, c.133 (C.58:31-7).

17 b. The department shall publish the documents required
18 pursuant to subsection a. of this section no later than 30 days after
19 receipt of the documents from a water purveyor.

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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24 STATEMENT

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26 This bill would require the Department of Environmental
27 Protection (DEP) to make certain information regarding water
28 purveyors available on its Internet website.

29 Under the “Water Quality Accountability Act” (WQAA),
30 P.L.2017, c.133 (C.58:31-1 et seq.), whenever a water purveyor is
31 issued three notices of violation for any reason, or two notices of
32 violation related to an exceedance of a maximum contaminant level,
33 the water purveyor is required to submit a mitigation plan for the
34 violations. Additionally, a water purveyor is required to certify in
35 writing each year that the water purveyor complies with all federal
36 and State drinking water regulations. Finally, the WQAA requires
37 each water purveyor to submit to the DEP a report based on its asset
38 management plan. Under the bill, the DEP would be required to
39 make available on its Internet website, and update as appropriate,
40 each mitigation plan, annual WQAA certification, and asset
41 management plan report submitted by a water purveyor.