



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Reported by S. Energy and Natural Resources)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Includes recycled water as a private water system that is subject to regulation by the Department of Health and boards of health.
- Requires the Director of Health to define by rule "recycled water" as well as "well," "spring," "cistern," "pond," "hailed water," and "recycled water," which are types of private water systems under current law.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill includes recycled water as a type of private water system that is subject to regulation by the Department of Health and boards of health in accordance with rules adopted by the Director of Health. Under continuing law, the rules must provide for inspections, annual registration of private water system contractors, and payment of necessary fees.¹ Current law also provides for rules that prescribe uniform standards and procedures for the design, construction, inspection, installation, development, maintenance, and abandonment of private water systems.² Finally, current law allows for variances from the Director's rules.³

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 3701.344(A) and (B).

² R.C. 3701.347, not in the bill.

³ R.C. 3701.345, not in the bill.

Under existing law, a private water system is a water system that provides water for human consumption if the system has fewer than 15 service connections and does not regularly serve an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days each year. It includes in part a well, spring, cistern, and hauled water, all of which are not defined. The bill requires the Director to define by rule those terms as well as "recycled water."⁴

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	08-19-13
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⁴ R.C. 3701.344(A) and (B).

