

State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 23

1	AN ACT <i>to renumber</i> 281.17 (8); <i>to amend</i> 281.61 (6); and <i>to create</i> 281.17 (8)
2	(b) of the statutes; relating to: disinfection of municipal water supplies and
3	ranking projects for the safe drinking water loan program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 281.17 (8) of the statutes is renumbered 281.17 (8) (a). 5 **SECTION 2.** 281.17 (8) (b) of the statutes is created to read: 6 281.17 (8) (b) Notwithstanding par. (a) and s. 280.11 (1), the department may 7 not require a municipal water system to provide continuous disinfection of the water 8 that it provides, unless one of the following applies: 9 1. Continuous disinfection is required under federal law. 10 2. Water quality data, well construction, or water system construction indicate 11 a potential health hazard.

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SECTION 2m. 281.61 (6) of the statutes is amended to read: 1 2 **281.61 (6)** PRIORITY LIST. The department shall establish a priority list that 3 ranks each safe drinking water loan program project. The department shall 4 promulgate rules for determining project rankings that, to the extent possible, give 5 priority to projects that address the most serious risks to human health, that are 6 necessary to ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 USC 300f to 7 300j-26, and that assist local governmental units that are most in need on a per 8 household basis, according to affordability criteria specified in the rules. For the 9 purpose of ranking projects under this subsection, the department shall treat a 10 project to upgrade a public water system to provide continuous disinfection of the 11 water that it distributes as if the public water system were a surface water system 12 that federal law requires to provide continuous disinfection. 13 (END)

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