

State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 23

February 17, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives Severson, Rivard, Ballweg, Bernier, Bies, Jacque, Krug, LeMahieu, Marklein, Mursau, Murtha, Thiesfeldt, Tiffany and Ziegelbauer, cosponsored by Senators Harsdorf, Galloway, Moulton, Olsen, Schultz, Grothman and Holperin. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

- 1 AN ACT *to renumber* 281.17 (8); and *to create* 281.17 (8) (b) of the statutes;
- **relating to:** disinfection of municipal water supplies.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to administer a safe drinking water program and to establish all safeguards that DNR determines to be necessary in protecting public health from impure drinking water supplies. DNR has promulgated a rule that requires municipal drinking water systems to provide continuous disinfection of the water that they provide, beginning no later than December 1, 2013.

This bill prohibits DNR from requiring a municipal water system to provide continuous disinfection of the water that it provides, unless continuous disinfection is required under federal law.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

- 3 **Section 1.** 281.17 (8) of the statutes is renumbered 281.17 (8) (a).
- **SECTION 2.** 281.17 (8) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

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(END)
that it provides, unless continuous disinfection is required under federal law.
not require a municipal water system to provide continuous disinfection of the water
281.17 (8) (b) Notwithstanding par. (a) and s. 280.11 (1), the department may