

2003 SENATE BILL 429

February 3, 2004 – Introduced by Senators M. MEYER and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 280.27 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring air filtration for
2 certain wells.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the owner of a residential well that is drilled, rather than driven, to filter air that enters the well to prevent bacteria from contaminating the well water if water from the well tests positive for bacteria or if construction of the well begins more than six months after the bill is enacted.

The bill also requires the secretary of natural resources to appoint a committee to review the operation of the filtering requirement established by the bill and requires the committee to report the results of its review to the legislature in five years.

For further information see the *state* 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.** 280.27 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **280.27 Air filtration for residential wells. (1)** The owner of a residential
5 well, other than a driven well, that has a casing shall filter air that enters the well

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1 to prevent airborne bacteria from contaminating the well water if any of the following
2 applies:

3 (a) The construction of the well begins after the effective date of this paragraph
4 [revisor inserts date].

5 (b) The water from the well tests positive for bacteria.

6 **(2)** (a) The secretary of natural resources shall appoint a committee under s.
7 15.04 (1) (c) consisting of the following members:

8 1. A representative of the department.

9 2. A representative of the state laboratory of hygiene.

10 3. A representative of the Wisconsin Public Health Association.

11 4. A representative of the Wisconsin Well Water Association, Inc.

12 5. A representative of the Wisconsin Rural Water Association.

13 (b) The committee appointed under par. (a) shall review the operation of the
14 requirement under sub. (1) and shall report the results of its review, including any
15 recommendations for changes to sub. (1), to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2) no
16 later than the first day of the 60th month beginning after the effective date of this
17 paragraph [revisor inserts date].

18 (c) The committee appointed under par. (a) terminates on the day on which it
19 submits the report under par. (b).

20 **SECTION 2. Effective date.**

21 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th month beginning after
22 publication.

23 **(END)**