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2011 SENATE BILL 19

February 11, 2011 – Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, GALLOWAY, MOULTON, OLSEN, SCHULTZ, GROTHMAN and HOLPERIN, cosponsored by Representatives SEVERSON, RIVARD, BALLWEG, BERNIER, BIES, JACQUE, KRUG, LEMAHIEU, MARKLEIN, MURSAU, MURTHA, THIESFELDT, TIFFANY and ZIEGELBAUER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations.

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).

4 **SECTION 2.** 281.17 (8) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

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

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(END)