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HOUSE BILL NO. 373

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BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

WATER/DRINKING WATER: Provides relative to drinking water providers

2 To enact R.S. 33:3839, relative to drinking water providers; to prohibit providers from 3 denying certain requests for water service; to provide for exceptions; and to provide 4 for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 33:3839 is hereby enacted to read as follows: 7 §3839. Requirement to provide service 8 No political subdivision or cooperative owned by water users that provides 9 drinking water to customers shall deny a request for water service to a properly 10 permitted residential or commercial structure that is located within the provider's 11 service area. This Section does not prohibit a provider from shutting off service to 12 an individual customer for failing to pay service charges or other just cause.

DIGEST

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<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits a provider of drinking water from denying a request for water service to a properly permitted residential or commercial structure that is located within the provider's service area.

(Adds R.S. 33:3839)

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