

1 do not typically degrade to a failure condition within a single year of normal residential use;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the risk profile of low-hazard residential connections, which typically
4 serve only potable water uses within single-family and small multi-family dwellings, is
5 materially different from and substantially lower than the risk profile of commercial,
6 industrial, and institutional connections, which may involve chemical processes, medical
7 equipment, fire suppression systems, and other high-hazard cross-connection scenarios; and

8 WHEREAS, other states have implemented a reduced testing frequency for
9 residential backflow prevention assemblies, including the state of Wisconsin, which requires
10 testing of low-hazard residential service connections once every ten years pursuant to
11 Wisconsin Administrative Code §NR 810.15, and the state of Florida, which requires testing
12 of residential service connections after installation or repair and every two years thereafter
13 pursuant to Florida Administrative Code Rule 62-555.360; and

14 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health, pursuant to the authority granted
15 in R.S. 40:5, is responsible for protecting the public against disease and injuries from water
16 supplied for drinking, culinary, and other purposes, and for adopting, amending, and
17 promulgating the Sanitary Code to achieve that purpose; and

18 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council, pursuant to
19 the authority granted in R.S. 40:1730.22, is responsible for adopting, amending, and
20 promulgating the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code, including the plumbing
21 provisions based upon the International Plumbing Code with amendments; and

22 WHEREAS, the current International Plumbing Code, as amended and adopted by
23 this state, requires annual inspections of all backflow prevention assemblies, barometric
24 loops, air gaps, and at least annual testing of certain specified backflow preventer assemblies
25 pursuant to Section 312.10 of that code; and

26 WHEREAS, alternative testing schedules, such as inspections and testing every two,
27 five, or ten years, or upon the sale or transfer of the property, could maintain adequate
28 protection of the public water system while substantially reducing compliance costs and
29 administrative burdens for the people of this state.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 urge and request the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council and the Louisiana
3 Department of Health to study the feasibility, safety, and public health impacts of amending
4 the International Plumbing Code and the Sanitary Code as adopted to reduce the required
5 frequency of backflow prevention assembly, barometric loops, air gap inspections, and
6 testing from annually to a less frequent period, such as every two, five, or ten years, or upon
7 the sale or transfer of the affected property.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code
9 Council and the Louisiana Department of Health are urged and requested to consider
10 comments from homeowners, plumbing professionals, water suppliers, the State Plumbing
11 Board, the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, and other interested parties
12 during the study process and, if appropriate, to promulgate rules or amendments to the
13 Sanitary Code, the International Plumbing Code, and the Louisiana State Uniform
14 Construction Code to implement such changes.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 chair of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council, the secretary of the
17 Louisiana Department of Health, the chair of the State Plumbing Board, and the chair of the
18 Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors.

DIGEST

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Requests the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council and the La. Dept. of Health to study whether annual required inspections of backflow prevention devices, barometric loops, and air gaps are necessary or whether a less frequent testing schedule could maintain adequate safety and protection of water while reducing costs to property owners.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Add provisions urging and requesting the La. Dept. of Health to contribute to the study by reviewing provisions of the Sanitary Code as it relates to backflow prevention devices.