

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 995

BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES

WATER/DRINKING WATER: Increases the safe drinking water administration fee

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:31.33(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 40:31.33(C), relative to the safe  
3 drinking water administration fee; to increase the fee on community water systems;  
4 to increase the portion retained by community water systems for administrative  
5 costs; to provide for the use of the collected fees; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:31.33(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
8 40:31.33(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §31.33. Safe drinking water administration fee; exemptions

10 A.(1) In order to comply with the provisions of R.S. 40:5.6 and the federal  
11 Safe Drinking Water Act, the department shall charge an annual fee of ~~three~~ twelve  
12 dollars ~~and twenty cents~~ per metered connection or account for community systems.  
13 The fee shall be collected from each consumer by the community system provider  
14 and remitted to the department, minus ~~thirty-two~~ sixty cents per metered connection  
15 or account to be retained by the community system provider for administrative costs  
16 for the collection of ~~such~~ the fee.

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18 C. The funds remitted to the department pursuant to this Section shall be  
19 used by the office of public health for the sole purpose of administering the Safe  
20 Drinking Water Program.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Increases the safe drinking water administration fee paid by consumers of community water systems.

Present law requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to perform all inspections, tests, or procedures on public water supplies authorized by the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act at no cost to any municipality, parish governing authority, or any public or privately owned water system except as provided in present law.

Present law authorizes DHH to charge an annual fee of \$3.20 per metered connection or account for community systems to be collected from each consumer by the community system provider and remitted to the department, minus 32¢ per metered connection or account to be retained by the community system provider for administrative costs for the collection of the fee.

Proposed law increases the fee to \$12 and authorizes each community system provider to retain 60¢. Proposed law further requires the funds remitted to DHH to be used by the office of public health for the sole purpose of administering the Safe Drinking Water Program.

(Amends R.S. 40:31.33(A)(1); Adds R.S. 40:31.33(C))