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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))