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SENATE DRS75007-MG-17 (1/23)

Short Title: Amend Drinking Water Testing/Private Wells.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Berger of Rockingham.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEWLY CONSTRUCTED
3 PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELLS FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF A
4 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 87-97(h) reads as rewritten:

7 "(h) **(Effective until October 1, 2009)** Drinking Water Testing. – Within 30 days after
8 it issues a certificate of completion for a newly constructed private drinking water well, the
9 local health department shall test the water obtained from the well or ensure that the water
10 obtained from the well has been sampled and tested by a certified laboratory in accordance with
11 rules adopted by the Commission for Public Health. The water shall be tested for the following
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20 parameters: arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, copper, fluoride, lead, iron, magnesium,
21 manganese, mercury, nitrates, nitrites, selenium, silver, sodium, zinc, pH, and bacterial
22 indicators, indicators. In addition, the water shall be tested for methyl tert-butyl ether, ethylene
23 dibromide, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,2-dichloropropane, isopropyl ether, benzene, toluene,
24 ethylbenzene, xylenes, trichloroethylene, and tetrachloroethylene only if the well is located
25 within 1,500 feet of a site that produced one or more of the compounds specified in the
26 additional testing parameters, as determined by the local health department."

27 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

