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HOUSE DRH10533-LD-16 (01/30)

Short Title: Modify Drinking Water Test for Private Wells. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Harrison and Allen (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TESTING OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED PRIVATE
3 DRINKING WATER WELLS FOR CERTAIN VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS,
4 AS REQUIRED BY S.L. 2008-198, BY GIVING THE LOCAL HEALTH DIRECTOR
5 THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE WHEN TESTING FOR THESE COMPOUNDS IS
6 NECESSARY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

9 "(h) **(Effective October 1, 2009)** Drinking Water Testing. – Within 30 days after it
10 issues a certificate of completion for a newly constructed private drinking water well, the local
11 health department shall test the water obtained from the well or ensure that the water obtained
12 from the well has been sampled and tested by a certified laboratory in accordance with rules
13 adopted by the Commission for Public Health. The water shall be tested for the following
14 parameters: arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, copper, fluoride, lead, iron, magnesium,
15 manganese, mercury, nitrates, nitrites, selenium, silver, sodium, zinc, pH, and bacterial
16 ~~indicators, indicators.~~ The water shall also be tested for methyl tert-butyl ether, ethylene
17 dibromide, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,2-dichloropropane, isopropyl ether, benzene, toluene,
18 ethylbenzene, xylenes, trichloroethylene, and ~~tetrachloroethylene.~~tetrachloroethylene if the
19 local health director makes a specific finding that testing the drinking water well for these
20 additional parameters is necessary to protect public health."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2009.

