

By Senator Montford

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to water testing for pollution;
3 creating s. 381.00621, F.S.; defining the term
4 "pollution"; authorizing specified persons or
5 businesses that suspect contamination of their private
6 water system or multifamily water system or certain
7 public water systems to request that the Department of
8 Health or its agents test such system for pollution,
9 under certain circumstances; requiring such testing to
10 be done within a specified timeframe; amending s.
11 381.0063, F.S.; requiring that certain funds be placed
12 into the appropriate County Health Department Trust
13 Fund; providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 Section 1. Section 381.00621, Florida Statutes, is created
18 to read:

19 381.00621 Testing for contamination.—

20 (1) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
21 "pollution" means a physical, biological, chemical, or
22 radiological substance or matter in the air, the land, or the
23 waters of the state.

24 (2) WATER TESTING.—

25 (a) If pollution exists in an area that could impact a
26 private water system, multifamily water system, or public water
27 system not subject to the Florida Safe Drinking Water Act, and
28 the pollution may impact such water system and result in a
29 violation of water quality standards adopted by the department

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30 or the Department of Environmental Protection, any potentially
31 impacted resident, business, or property owner may request the
32 department or its agents to test the water source for
33 contamination.

34 (b) If the department receives a request under paragraph
35 (a), the department or its agents must collect water samples
36 from the system's water source and must submit the samples to a
37 department laboratory or a department-certified drinking water
38 laboratory for contaminant analysis. The analysis must be
39 completed as expeditiously as possible, but not later than 3
40 business days after the department's receipt of the request
41 under paragraph (a).

42 Section 2. Section 381.0063, Florida Statutes, is amended
43 to read:

44 381.0063 Drinking water funds.—All fees and penalties
45 received from suppliers of water pursuant to ss. 403.860(5) and
46 403.861(7) (a) shall be deposited in the appropriate County
47 Health Department Trust Fund to be used by the department to pay
48 the costs of expenditures required pursuant to ss. 381.0062,
49 381.00621, and 403.862(1) (c).

50 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.