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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING WELL WATER QUALITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 25-32 of the general statutes is amended by adding
2 subsection (r) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (r) The commissioner may implement policies and
4 procedures necessary to administer provisions relating to cross
5 connections between water supplies while in the process of adopting
6 such policies and procedures as regulations, in accordance with the
7 provisions of chapter 54, provided the department posts such policies
8 and procedures on the eRegulations System prior to adopting them.
9 Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this section shall be
10 valid until final regulations are adopted in accordance with the
11 provisions of chapter 54.

12 Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 19a-37 of the general
13 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
14 (*Effective from passage*):

15 (c) (1) Any laboratory or firm which conducts a water quality test on

16 a private well serving a residential property or semipublic well in the
 17 state shall, not later than thirty days after the completion of such test,
 18 report the results of such test to the local health authority of the
 19 municipality where the property is located and the Department of
 20 Public Health in a format specified by the department. Results
 21 submitted to the Department of Public Health or the local health
 22 authority pursuant to this subsection, information obtained from any
 23 Department of Public Health or local health authority investigation
 24 regarding those results and any Department of Public Health or local
 25 health authority study of morbidity and mortality regarding the results
 26 shall be confidential pursuant to section 19a-25, except the local health
 27 authority and the department may, if approved by the commissioner,
 28 disclose the results or information obtained from an investigation of the
 29 results to (A) the owner of the property on which the well is located, (B)
 30 a prospective buyer of such property who has signed a contract to
 31 purchase such property, (C) other persons or entities, when such
 32 disclosure is necessary to carry out a statutory or regulatory
 33 responsibility of the local health authority or department, [or] (D) an
 34 agent of a state agency, or (E) the Department of Energy and
 35 Environmental Protection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	25-32(r)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	19a-37(c)(1)

Statement of Purpose:

To allow (1) the Commissioner of Public Health to implement policies and procedures necessary to administer provisions relating to cross connections between water supplies while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures as regulations, and (2) a local health authority or the Department of Public Health to disclose the results or information obtained from an investigation of the results of a water quality test on a private well serving a residential property or a semipublic well to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]