General Assembly

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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:

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

(NEW) (r) The commissioner may 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, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, provided the department posts such policies and procedures on the eRegulations System prior to adopting them. Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid until final regulations are adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

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 Subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 19a-37 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	25-32(r)
Sec. 2	*from passage*	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.]