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H.B. No. 1612

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for and charges for service from public drinking water supply systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 341.0315, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c) Each public drinking water supply system shall provide an adequate and safe drinking water supply. The supply must:

(1) meet the requirements of Section 341.031 and commission rules; and

(2) provide a quantity of water or capacity of water sufficient to serve the number of connections served by the public drinking water supply system.

(c-1) Notwithstanding any other law, the commission by rule shall establish connection equivalency values for each meter size used to serve a recreational vehicle park, as defined by Section 13.087, Water Code, for use in determining the number of connections served by a public drinking water supply system that provides service through meters. The rules must:

(1) establish that eight recreational vehicle or cabin sites at a recreational vehicle park, whether occupied or not, are equivalent to one residential metered connection; and

(2) provide a variance from a connection equivalency

1 value established under this subsection for a public drinking water
2 supply system if actual system usage is more than 10 percent below
3 the equivalency value.

4 SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 13, Water Code, is amended
5 by adding Section 13.152 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 13.152. BILLING FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS. (a)
7 In this section, "recreational vehicle park" has the meaning
8 assigned by Section 13.087.

9 (b) A retail public utility, other than a municipally owned
10 utility described by Section 13.087, providing water or sewer
11 service to a recreational vehicle park:

12 (1) shall ensure that billing for the service is based
13 on actual water usage recorded by the retail public utility; and

14 (2) may not impose a surcharge based on the number of
15 recreational vehicle or cabin sites in the recreational vehicle
16 park.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.