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H.B. No. 2255

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation and operation of an interactive water feature or fountain.

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

SECTION 1. Section 341.0695, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (i-2) and (1) to read as follows:

(d) Except as provided by Subsection (f), a minimum free residual chlorine of 2.0 parts [~~1.0 part~~] for each one million units of water used in an interactive water feature or fountain must be maintained.

(i-2) This subsection applies to a county with an interactive water feature or fountain wholly or partly located in the county's unincorporated area or a municipality with an interactive water feature or fountain wholly located in the municipality. For each interactive water feature or fountain subject to this section, the applicable county or municipality shall:

(1) require the person operating the interactive water feature or fountain to manually test and record the feature's or fountain's chemical levels every three to four hours during operating hours;

(2) inspect the interactive water feature or fountain at least twice annually for compliance with this subsection; and

1 (3) prepare a report containing the manual chemical
2 level test results recorded under Subdivision (1) and make the
3 report available to the public.

4 (1) An interactive water feature or fountain constructed
5 after December 31, 2023, must include a chemical controller system
6 and automatic shut-off valves for low chemical levels.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.