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S.B. No. 594

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to requirements for and charges for service from public  
3 drinking water supply systems.

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

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

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

10 (1) meet the requirements of Section [341.031](#) and  
11 commission rules; and

12 (2) provide a quantity of water or capacity of water  
13 sufficient to serve the number of connections served by the public  
14 drinking water supply system, unless the water system is a  
15 noncommunity nontransient water system.

16 (c-1) Notwithstanding any other law, the commission by rule  
17 shall establish connection equivalency values for each meter size  
18 used to serve a recreational vehicle park, as defined by Section  
19 [13.087](#), Water Code, for use in determining the number of  
20 connections served by a public drinking water supply system that  
21 provides service through meters. When determining the number of  
22 connections, the commission may only consider service for which a  
23 meter has been installed that conforms with industry standards.

24 The rules must:

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

4           (2) provide a variance from a connection equivalency  
5 value established under this subsection for a public drinking water  
6 supply system if actual system usage is more than 10 percent below  
7 the equivalency value.

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

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

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

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

18           (2) may not impose a surcharge based on the number of  
19 recreational vehicle or cabin sites in the recreational vehicle  
20 park.

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