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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.

15 (c-1) Notwithstanding any other law, the commission by rule
16 shall establish connection equivalency values for each meter size
17 used to serve a recreational vehicle park, as defined by Section
18 13.087, Water Code, for use in determining the number of
19 connections served by a public drinking water supply system that
20 provides service through meters. The rules must:

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

24 (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.