

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

It has been suggested that public water systems, particularly smaller systems, are not satisfactorily complying with certain reporting requirements. H.B. 3142 seeks to address this issue and increase compliance by requiring automatic reminders to be provided as a courtesy to public drinking water supply systems about those reporting requirements.

H.B. 3142 amends the Health and Safety Code to require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to establish a system to provide automatic reminders to public drinking water supply systems about regular reporting requirements applicable to the systems under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and under state statutory provisions relating to minimum standards of sanitation and health protection measures that relate to TCEQ rules adopted under those laws. The bill establishes that such an automatic reminder is a courtesy and that a public drinking water supply system is responsible for complying with applicable regular reporting requirements regardless of whether TCEQ provides automatic reminders.

H.B. 3142 amends current law relating to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality reminders to public drinking water supply systems regarding reporting requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 341.0315, Health and Safety Code, by adding Subsection (e), as follows:

(e) Requires the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to establish a system to provide automatic reminders to public drinking water supply systems about regular reporting requirements applicable to the systems under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. Section 300f et seq.) and this chapter (Minimum Standards of Sanitation and Health Protection Measures) that relate to TCEQ rules adopted under those laws. Provides that an automatic reminder provided under this subsection is a courtesy. Provides that a public drinking water supply system is responsible for complying with applicable regular reporting requirements regardless of whether TCEQ provides automatic reminders.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.