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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-262—sHB 5480

Environment Committee
Appropriations Committee

AN ACT PROHIBITING TAMPERING WITH HYDRANTS

SUMMARY: This act prohibits opening, operating, taking water from, or tampering with a hydrant, or taking water from or tampering with a public water supply reservoir, without (1) legal authority to do so or (2) consent from the water utility, municipality, or other entity that owns or controls the hydrant or reservoir.

Violators are subject to a \$500 fine for a first offense and a \$1,000 fine for subsequent offenses. The act allows violators to pay the fine without having to appear in court, in accordance with the mail-in procedures for infractions and certain violations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013, except the mail-in procedure provision is effective upon passage.

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