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BILL NUMBER: SHB 5898
FILE NUMBER:
AMENDMENTS: House "A" and "B"

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING WATER QUALITY OF PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL WELLS"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Environment, Public Health

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5898

STATE IMPACT Minimal Cost, Can Be Absorbed Within Normal Budgetary Resources, see explanation below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT Potential Minimal Cost, see explanation below

STATE AGENCY(S) Department of Health Services

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: Passage of this bill as amended would result in a minimal cost to the State which can be absorbed within normal budgetary resources. The bill as amended would require the Department of Health Services (DOHS) to adopt regulations concerning water quality standards for private residential wells.

MUNICIPAL IMPACT: Under current practice all new private residential wells must be tested and results reported to local health authorities for approval. This bill as amended would require any water test results to be reported to local health authorities within three months of the sale of a property. Local health authorities must respond when water contamination is identified. To the extent that passage of this bill as amended would result in identification of additional contaminated wells a potential minimal cost would ensue from expanded education and monitoring efforts.

House "A" modifies the original bill by requiring the DOHS to adopt regulations instead of standards. No fiscal impact is associated with this amendment.

House "B" clarifies the original bill by specifying that the results of a water test shall be submitted to local health authorities if it is performed within three months of the sale of a property. The original bill mandated reporting of tests conducted upon the sale of property. No fiscal impact is associated with this amendment.