



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
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SB2142

Introduced 1/14/2004, by Susan Garrett

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

415 ILCS 55/7.5 new

Amends the Illinois Groundwater Protection Act. Requires the Department of Natural Resources to develop a program to require and issue permits for high-capacity wells and community water supply systems. Sets forth requirements for the program. Requires the Department to adopt rules to implement the program no later than December 31, 2005. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning groundwater protection.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Groundwater Protection Act is
5 amended by adding Section 7.5 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 55/7.5 new)

7 Sec. 7.5. Permit program for high-capacity wells and
8 community water supply systems.

9 (a) The Department, with the advice of the Interagency
10 Coordinating Committee on Groundwater and of the Groundwater
11 Advisory Council, must develop a program to require and issue
12 permits for high-capacity wells and community water supply
13 systems. For purposes of this Section, "high-capacity well"
14 means: (i) a well that withdraws 70 gallons per minute, 100,000
15 gallons per day, or 3,000,000 gallons per month; or (ii) a well
16 with a casing diameter of 6 or more inches. "Community water
17 supply system" has the definition set forth in Section 9 of
18 this Act.

19 (b) In developing the program, the Department must comply
20 with all of the following:

21 (1) The application for a permit must require the
22 applicant to demonstrate that the amount water to be
23 withdrawn will not be detrimental to the aquifer,
24 environment, or existing wells.

25 (2) The Department must recognize and address the
26 diverse water needs of residents in the different regions
27 of the State. Addressing this diversity may include
28 establishing groundwater management areas where permit
29 requirements may vary.

30 (3) In developing rules for the program, the Department
31 must consider circumstances justifying permit exemptions.

32 (4) The program must include criteria for water

1 conservation, which must be based on those criteria used
2 for water supply systems that use water from Lake Michigan.

3 (5) The program must provide alternate requirements
4 for drought conditions.

5 (c) The Department must adopt rules for the implementation
6 of the program no later than December 31, 2005.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.