

Amendment to HB 1592

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT requiring the commissioner of the department of environmental services to review  
4 standards relative to arsenic contamination in drinking water.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing sections 1 and 2 with the following:

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8 1 New Paragraph; Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards. Amend RSA 485-C:4 by inserting  
9 after paragraph XII the following new paragraph:

10 XIII. By January 1, 2019, the commissioner shall review the ambient groundwater  
11 standard for arsenic to determine whether it should be lowered and, if it is determined that it  
12 should be lowered, shall initiate rulemaking in accordance with RSA 541-A to establish the new  
13 ambient groundwater quality standard.

14 2 New Paragraph; Contaminants in Drinking Water. Amend RSA 485:3 by inserting after  
15 paragraph XIV the following new paragraph:

16 XV. By January 1, 2019, the commissioner shall review the maximum contaminant level for  
17 arsenic to determine whether it should be lowered and, if it is determined that it should be lowered,  
18 shall initiate rulemaking in accordance with RSA 541-A to establish the new maximum  
19 contaminant level.

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**AMENDED ANALYSIS**

This bill requires the commissioner of the department of environmental services to review standards relative to arsenic contamination in drinking water and make new rules if he or she determines there ought to be new standards.