

Amendment to HB 1592-FN

1 Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following and renumbering the original section 3 to
2 read as 4:

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4 3 Drinking Water Rules. Amend RSA 485:3, I(b) to read as follows:

5 (b) *After consideration of the extent to which the contaminant is found in New*
6 *Hampshire, the ability to detect the contaminant in public water systems, the ability to*
7 *remove the contaminant from drinking water, and the costs and benefits to affected*
8 *entities that will result from establishing the standard, a* specification for each contaminant
9 of either:

10 (1) A maximum contaminant level that is acceptable in water for human
11 consumption~~[, if it is feasible to ascertain the level of such contaminant in water in public water~~
12 ~~systems];~~ or

13 (2) One or more treatment techniques or methods which lead to a reduction of the
14 level of such contaminant sufficient to protect the public health, if it is not feasible to ascertain the
15 level of such contaminant in water in the public water system; and

16 (3) *The commissioner shall submit a report to the house executive*
17 *departments and administration committee within 60 days of proposing a specification*
18 *under this subparagraph; and*

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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 should be new standards.

This bill also requires the commissioner of the department of environmental services to consider certain criteria before adopting specifications for contaminants in drinking water.