

Amendment to HB 1120

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

2
3 AN ACT establishing a committee to study the establishment of water testing requirements
4 for residential rental property.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the establishment of water
9 testing requirements for residential rental property.

10 2 Membership and Compensation.

11 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

12 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
13 house of representatives.

14 (b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

15 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
16 the duties of the committee.

17 3 Duties.

18 I. The committee shall study the establishment of water testing requirements for residential
19 rental property. The study shall include consideration of:

20 (a) The frequency and type of water testing to be required for residential rental property
21 and the circumstances under which remediation may be required.

22 (b) An appropriate legal remedy and enforcement mechanism, including enabling
23 tenants to withhold rent in appropriate cases.

24 (c) The role of the attorney general and the department of environmental services in
25 implementing and enforcing a water testing and remediation requirement.

26 (d) A program to inform tenants and landlords of their rights and responsibilities
27 regarding water quality in residential rental property.

28 II. The committee shall solicit information and testimony from any individual or entity the
29 committee deems relevant to its study.

30 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
31 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house

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1 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
2 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

3 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
4 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
5 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2020.

6 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the establishment of water testing requirements for residential rental property.