

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, rural Texas youth camps are defined as public drinking water suppliers in the Safe Drinking Water Act and are thus under the rules and regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency adopted by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. As proposed, S.B. 182 requires the Texas Department of Health to regulate the water supply at a licensed and approved youth camp.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Board of Health in SECTION 1 (Section 341.051, Health and Safety Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 341C, Health and Safety Code, to add Section 341.051, as follows:

Sec. 341.051. WATER SUPPLIES AT YOUTH CAMPS. (a) Provides that this subchapter does not apply to drinking water supplied by a youth camp to staff and campers at the camp and their visitors.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Health (department) to regulate the water supply at a youth camp as provided by Section 141.009 and rules adopted by the Texas Board of Health under that section. Requires those rules to comply with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. Section 300f et seq.).

(c) Requires youth camp drinking water to be classified as being furnished for private use, regardless of the number of persons for whom water is supplied. Prohibits youth camp drinking water from being resold to any other entity for any purpose.

(d) Makes this section applicable only to a youth camp licensed by the department.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.