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SELLERS MUST TEST WELL WATER

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House Bill 4654

Sponsor: Rep. Mary C. Brown

Committee: Public Health

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4654 AS INTRODUCED 4-13-89

The bill would add a section to the Public Health Code to require that wells used for drinking water be tested for certain contaminants before the land containing the well could be sold.

More specifically, the seller of land that had a drinking water well would be required to have the well tested, within one year prior to the sale, for total coliform bacteria and nitrate. The seller would be required to give a copy of the laboratory report of the test results (a) to the state and local health departments within 30 days of the test and (b) to the buyer before the sale.

If a seller did not have a well tested before a sale, he or she would be responsible for paying the buyer for the tests and for any costs necessary to bring the well water to within the state drinking water standards.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4655, which would require that drinking water wells be tested for certain contaminants, and to House Bill 4656, which would require permits for drilling new drinking water wells.

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