

Bill Summary H.F. 1356 As introduced

- Subject Service line definitions in Safe Drinking Water Act
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Overview

This bill adds definitions for connector, galvanized requiring replacement, galvanized service line, lead connector, lead service line, lead status unknown service line or unknown service line, nonlead service line, and service line to the definitions for the Safe Drinking Water Act.

To comply with requirements in the revised federal Lead and Copper Rule, public water systems must develop and maintain an inventory of service lines in their service areas. A service line inventory must provide information on the numbers and locations of lead service lines, galvanized requiring replacement service lines, and lead status unknown service lines. This bill establishes definitions for service lines and connectors to ensure service lines are identified in a consistent way in the service line inventories.

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Section Description

1 **Connector.**

Adds subd. 2a to § 144.382. Defines connector in the Safe Drinking Water Act as gooseneck, pigtail, and other service line connectors; a connector is a short section of piping that can be bent and used to connect rigid service piping.

2 Galvanized requiring replacement.

Adds subd. 3a to § 144.382. Defines galvanized requiring replacement in the Safe Drinking Water Act as a galvanized service line that is or was connected to a lead service line, lead status unknown service line, or lead connector.

3 Galvanized service line.

Adds subd. 3b to § 144.382. Defines galvanized service line as a service line made of iron or piping dipped in zinc to prevent corrosion and rusting.

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4 Lead connector.

Adds subd. 3c to § 144.382. Defines lead connector in the Safe Drinking Water Act as a connector made of lead, and specifies that if a service line has a lead connector, the service line shall be classified as a lead service line or galvanized service line in need of replacement.

5 Lead service line.

Adds subd. 3d to § 144.382. Defines lead service line in the Safe Drinking Water Act as a portion of pipe made of lead that connects the water main to the building inlet.

6 Lead status unknown service line or unknown service line.

Adds subd. 3e to § 144.382. Defines lead status unknown service line or unknown service line in the Safe Drinking Water Act as a service line that has not been demonstrated to meet or that does not meet the definition of lead free in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

7 Nonlead service line.

Adds subd. 3f to § 144.382. Defines nonlead service line as a service line determined through an evidence-based record, method, or technique not to be a lead service line or galvanized service line requiring replacement. Allows a water system to classify the actual material of the service line instead of classifying it as nonlead, and allows a galvanized service line to be classified as nonlead only if there is documentation verifying it was never connected to a lead service line or lead connector.

8 Service line.

Adds subd. 4a to § 144.382. Defines service line as a portion of pipe that connects the water main to the building inlet.



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