AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 707

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1   Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "definitions"
2 and for variances and exemptions

3   Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 18 and 19

4   Section 2. Section 6(b) and (c) of the act are amended to
5 read:
6 Section 6. Variances and exemptions.
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8   (b) Variances from treatment technique requirements.--The
9 department [may] shall authorize variances from a treatment
10 technique required under the drinking water standards if the
11 public water system applying for the variance demonstrates to
12 the satisfaction of the department that the drinking water
13 quality is in accordance with the current surface water
14 treatment rules established by the United States environmental
15 protection agency or the treatment technique is not necessary to
16 protect the health of persons because of the nature of the raw
17 water sources of the system.
18   (c) Department may authorize exemptions.--The department may
19 exempt any public water system from any requirement of an
20 applicable drinking water standard upon finding that:
21   (1) due to compelling factors, the public water system
22   is unable to comply with such requirements;
23   (2) the public water system was in operation on the
24   effective date of such requirement or, for a system that was
25   not in operation by that date, only if no reasonable
26   alternative source of drinking water is available to such a
27   new system; and
28   (3) the granting of the exemption will not result in an
29   unreasonable risk to health as assessed through the
30   recognition of no recorded illnesses derived from microbial
31   contaminants present in the public water system and no
32   evidence of microbial contaminants in the public water
33   system.
34 All exemptions granted with respect to a contaminant level or
35 treatment technique prescribed by the Federal regulation shall
36 expire no later than the dates prescribed in the Federal act.
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1   Amend Bill, page 2, line 19, by striking out "2" and

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