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SB-1422 California Safe Drinking Water Act: microplastics. (2017-2018)

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Senate Bill No. 1422

CHAPTER 902

An act to add Section 116376 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to drinking water.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1422, Portantino. California Safe Drinking Water Act: microplastics.

Existing law, the California Safe Drinking Water Act, requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer provisions relating to the regulation of drinking water to protect public health, including, but not limited to, conducting research, studies, and demonstration programs relating to the provision of a dependable, safe supply of drinking water, enforcing the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, adopting implementing regulations, and conducting studies and investigations to assess the quality of water in private domestic water supplies. Under the act, the implementing regulations are required to include, but are not limited to, monitoring of contaminants and requirements for notifying the public of the quality of the water delivered to customers.

This bill would require the state board, on or before July 1, 2020, to adopt a definition of microplastics in drinking water, and on or before July 1, 2021, to adopt a standard methodology to be used in the testing of drinking water for microplastics and requirements for 4 years of testing and reporting of microplastics in drinking water, including public disclosure of those results.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 116376 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

116376. (a) The state board, on or before July 1, 2020, shall adopt a definition of microplastics in drinking water.

(b) The state board, on or before July 1, 2021, shall do all of the following:

- (1) Adopt a standard methodology to be used in the testing of drinking water for microplastics.
- (2) Adopt requirements for four years of testing and reporting of microplastics in drinking water, including public disclosure of those results.
- (3) If appropriate, consider issuing a notification level or other guidance to aid consumer interpretations of the results of the testing required pursuant to this section.
- (4) Accredited qualified laboratories in California to analyze microplastics.

(c) The state board may implement this section through the adoption of a policy handbook that is not subject to the requirements of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.