

BILL NUMBER: AB 791INTRODUCED
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INTRODUCED BY Assembly Member Chavez

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An act to add Section 111187 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to drinking water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 791, as introduced, Chavez. Drinking water: labeling.

Existing law makes the State Department of Health Services responsible for issuing licenses for water bottling plants and for ensuring that all labeling requirements for bottled water are met.

Existing law requires the department to ensure that the information on the label or in the advertisement of bottled water, purporting to be a specific water type, for example, spring water or purified water, is what it purports to be before issuing a license and allowing the label to denote the specific water type.

This bill would require the department to accept as presumptive evidence of compliance with these requirements of existing law, a certification report from a California registered geologist submitted in support of an application for a license for bottled water supporting the purported water type set forth on the label of the bottled water.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

SECTION 1. Section 111187 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

111187. The department shall accept a certification report from a registered geologist as presumptive evidence of compliance with its drinking water label requirements regarding the type of water, when submitted in support of a specific water label and a license application that specifically names, identifies, and qualifies the source of the water.