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CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
 AB 2723 (Wesson)
 As Amended August 18, 2000
 Majority vote

ASSEMBLY:	56-20	(May 25, 2000)	SENATE:	21-12	(August 28, 2000)
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Original Committee Reference: E.S. & T.M.

SUMMARY : Requires expanded labeling and public notification for bottled, bulk, and vended water; and, allows the Department of Health Services to exempt the packaging of water from licensing requirements during emergencies.

The Senate amendments narrow the Assembly version of this bill in the following respects:

- 1) Eliminate requirements that consumers receive notification confirming that bottled water meets all applicable local, state, and federal laws, including water quality guidelines, stating instead the meeting of federal Food and Drug Administration requirements.
- 2) Eliminate a requirement regarding contaminant levels (see below).
- 3) Alter certain specifications concerning public notification and labeling.

AS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY , this bill

- 1) Required the labeling of bottled water to include a telephone number for further information; required bottlers, distributors, and vendors of bottled water as well as the owners or operators of water-vending machines or retail water facilities to notify purchasers about the source of the water, the street address of the owner/operator, the Web site, and the E-mail address.
- 2) Required notification of bottled, vended and bulk-delivered

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water for every contaminant at or above levels of detection referenced in a federal listing of hazardous substances and include the detailed information (i.e., the name of the specific contaminant; the level at which the contaminant was recorded in water; and, the corresponding public health goal, maximum contaminant goal, or maximum contaminant level).

- 3) Required bottled water haulers to provide to new customers, and once annually in consumer bills, all the information required to be included on the label; required water vending machines to display this same information; and, required retail water facilities to provide new customers with the label information and to provide it in a "take-home" format.
- 4) Allowed the Department of Health Services to exempt the packaging of water from licensing requirements for public emergencies.

FISCAL EFFECT : According to the Assembly Appropriations Committee analysis, minor costs estimated at less than \$50,000 annually.

COMMENTS : Further information and background is available by consulting the Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials analysis on this bill (April 25, 2000).

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