

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2539**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Nielsen**

February 24, 2012

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An act to amend Section 116825 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to drinking water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2539, as introduced, Nielsen. Water treatment devices.

Existing law prohibits a water treatment device that makes product performance claims or product benefit claims that the device affects health or the safety of drinking water from being sold or otherwise distributed if the water treatment device has not been certified by the State Department of Public Health or by another entity, as specified. Existing law provides definitions for, among other terms, "water treatment device" and "department."

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

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

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 116825 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 116825. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following
- 4 definitions shall govern construction of this article:
- 5 (a) "Water treatment device" means any point of use or point
- 6 of entry instrument or contrivance sold or offered for rental or

1 lease for residential use, and designed to be added to the plumbing  
2 system, or used without being connected to the plumbing of a water  
3 supply intended for human consumption in order to improve the  
4 water supply by any means, including, but not limited to, filtration,  
5 distillation, adsorption, ion exchange, reverse osmosis, or other  
6 treatment. “Water treatment device” does not include any device  
7 that is regulated pursuant to Article 12 (commencing with Section  
8 111070) of Chapter 5 of Part 5.

9 (b) “Department” means the *State* Department of ~~Health Services~~  
10 *Public Health*.

11 (c) “Person” means any individual, firm, corporation, or  
12 association, or any employee or agent thereof.

13 (d) “Contaminants” means any health-related physical, chemical,  
14 biological, or radiological substance or matter in water.