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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to liability for contaminating a private water  
2 supply or public water supply system.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 455B.191A CONTAMINATION OF WATER  
2 SUPPLY -- LIABILITY.

3 In addition to payment of any applicable penalty under this  
4 chapter or other provision of law, a person who causes the  
5 contamination of a private water supply or public water supply  
6 system to the extent that potable water cannot be provided to  
7 the users of the private water supply or public water supply  
8 system shall be liable for all costs associated with the  
9 testing and repair of the water system and the costs  
10 associated with providing potable water to the users of the  
11 private water supply or public water supply system while the  
12 water system is contaminated.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill provides that a person who causes the  
15 contamination of a private water supply or public water supply  
16 system to the extent that potable water cannot be provided to  
17 the users of the water system shall be liable for all costs  
18 associated with the testing and repair of the water system and  
19 the costs associated with providing potable water to the users  
20 of the water system while the water system is contaminated.

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