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Bill Summary

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Overview

Provides for a model notice by the Commissioner of Health for periodic well testing for domestic household use.

Section

1 **Model notice recommending periodic well testing.**

Subd. 1. Requires the model notice to contain certain information, including:

- potential hazards in using well water and why it should be regularly tested;
- recommendations for annual testing for certain contaminants;
- how to take well water samples and have them tested;
- the estimated costs of testing well water for contaminants.

Subd. 2. Instructs how the Commissioner of Health must provide the notice to each local unit of government that has private wells using groundwater for drinking and food preparation. Related information must be posted on the department's web site. Encourages local units of government to provide this notice to private well owners within their jurisdiction.