

**{As Amended by House Committee of the Whole}**

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*Session of 2026*

**HOUSE BILL No. 2462**

By Committee on Water

Requested by Representative Pickert

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1 AN ACT concerning water; requiring the secretary of health and  
2 environment to adopt rules and regulations by July 1, 2028, allowing  
3 for the direct and indirect potable reuse of treated wastewater;  
4 **{ prohibiting such rules and regulations from requiring  
5 prescriptive treatment processes that make the reuse of treated  
6 wastewater unaffordable or otherwise unachievable;}** amending  
7 K.S.A. 65-162a and 65-171m and repealing the existing sections.  
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9 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

10 Section 1. K.S.A. 65-162a is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
11 162a. As used in K.S.A. 65-163-and, 65-163a; and-in K.S.A. 65-171m-to  
12 through 65-171t,-inclusive and amendments thereto, unless the context  
13 clearly requires otherwise, the following words and phrases shall have the  
14 meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

15 (a) "Direct potable reuse" means using an advanced treatment  
16 processes to produce finished drinking water through the utilization of a  
17 water source that contains treated wastewater that has not passed through  
18 an environmental buffer.

19 (b) "Indirect potable reuse" means the planned delivery or discharge  
20 of treated wastewater to an environmental buffer, such as ground or  
21 surface waters, for the development of, or as a supplement to, a drinking  
22 water supply.

23 (c) "Person" means an individual, corporation, company, association,  
24 partnership, state, municipality or federal agency.

25 (b)(d) (1) "Public water supply system" means a system for the  
26 provision to the public of piped water for human consumption, if such  
27 system has at least-ten-(10) service connections or regularly serves an  
28 average of at least-twenty-five-(25) individuals daily at least-sixty-(60)  
29 days out of the year.~~Such term~~

30 (2) "Public water supply system" includes any source, treatment,  
31 storage or distribution facilities under control of the operator of the system  
32 and used primarily in connection with the system, and any source,  
33 treatment, storage or distribution facilities not under such control but  
34 which are used in connection with such system.

35 (e)(e) "Secretary" means the secretary of health and environment.

1       ~~(d)~~*(f)* "Supplier of water" means any person who owns or operates a  
2 public water supply system.

3       Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-171m is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
4 171m. *(a) (1)* The secretary of health and environment shall adopt rules  
5 and regulations for the implementation of ~~this act~~ K.S.A. 65-162a, 65-163,  
6 65-163a, 65-170b and 65-171m through 65-171t, and amendments  
7 thereto.

8       ~~(2) {A}}~~ *On or before July 1, 2028, the secretary of health and*  
9 *environment shall adopt rules and regulations allowing for the direct and*  
10 *indirect potable reuse of treated wastewater.*

11       ~~{B}~~ **The rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this**  
12 **paragraph shall not require prescriptive treatment processes that**  
13 **make the reuse of treated wastewater unaffordable or otherwise**  
14 **unachievable.}**

15       ~~(b)~~ In addition to procedural rules and regulations, the secretary may  
16 adopt rules and regulations providing for, but not limited to:

17       ~~(a)~~*(1)* Primary drinking water standards applicable to all public water  
18 supply systems in the state. The primary drinking water standards may~~(1)~~  
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20       ~~(A)~~ Identify contaminants~~which~~ that may have an adverse effect on  
21 the health of persons;

22       ~~(2)~~*(B)* specify for each contaminant either:

23       ~~(i)~~ A maximum contaminant level that is acceptable in water for  
24 human consumption, if it is economically and technologically feasible to  
25 ascertain the level of such contaminant in water in public water supply  
26 systems; or

27       ~~(ii)~~ the treatment techniques or methods which lead to a reduction of  
28 the level of the contaminant sufficient to protect the public health, if it is  
29 not economically or technologically feasible to ascertain the level of the  
30 contaminant in the water in the public water supply system; and~~(b)~~  
31 establish the

32       ~~(2)~~ requirements for adequate monitoring, maintenance of records  
33 and submission of reports, sampling and analysis of water, citing criteria  
34 and review and inspections to~~—insure~~ ensure compliance with the  
35 contaminant levels or methods of treatment and to~~—insure~~ ensure proper  
36 operation and maintenance of the public water supply system; and~~(e)~~

37       ~~(3)~~ the definition of different categories of public water supply  
38 systems, such as community water supply systems and noncommunity  
39 water supply systems, and may provide for varying requirements for  
40 monitoring, maintenance of records and reporting, sampling and analysis  
41 of water, citing criteria; and review and inspections based on numbers of  
42 persons served, source of supply whether surface or groundwater or other  
43 conditions as the secretary may determine to be in the interest of public

1 health and welfare and economic benefits.

2 (c) The standards established under this section shall be at least as  
3 stringent as the national primary drinking water regulations adopted under  
4 public law 93-523. No primary drinking water standard or rule and  
5 regulation may require the addition of fluorides to public water supplies.

6 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 65-162a and 65-171m are hereby repealed.

7 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
8 publication in the statute book.