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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE BILL NO. 202**  
**92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Reported from the Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Local Government, March 3, 2003, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 320, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to access of fire protection entities to a water supply.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 320, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 320.095, to read as follows:

**320.095. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any water corporation, municipality, or public water supply district established pursuant to chapter 247, RSMo, shall allow access to its supply of water for filling mobile equipment during an emergency involving the protection of life or property to a fire protection district, city fire department, or any other entity providing fire protection services, regardless of any non-payment of fees to the water corporation, municipality, or public water supply district.**

**2. Nothing in this section shall authorize the connection of pumping equipment to water lines without authorization from the governing body of the affected water supply.**

**3. In no circumstance shall a hard suction connection be utilized in obtaining water from a water source.**

**4. A fire protection service shall notify any source of water utilized pursuant to this section of the estimated amount of water utilized during such emergency, on or before the fifteenth day of the following month for purposes of accountability of unaccounted for water.**

**5. Under no circumstance shall any entity be authorized to deplete a water**

supply to a pressure less than the minimum pounds per square inch as required by law or regulation.

6. Any entity which contemplates using water for emergency services pursuant to this section shall provide its personnel with adequate training on the basics of water system supply and proper maintenance and operation of valves and hydrants.

7. The entity providing fire protection shall be liable for any damages caused by it to any part of the water supply system from which water is taken.

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