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**Referred to the
Committee on Licenses and Inspections**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section A-703.2 of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Special Certificate of Inspection," to include satisfaction of certain plumbing facilities and fixture requirements as means of certifying compliance with certain water quality requirements for issuance of special certificates of inspection, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section A-703.2 of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended as follows:

A-703.2 Issuance of special certificates of inspection: Special certificates of inspection shall be issued on the following basis:

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4. The Department shall not issue a special certificate of inspection unless the building has been inspected for fire, safety, electrical, lead paint, water quality and all other property-related hazards and:

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B. the Health Department or a testing agency certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has certified, within the previous five years, that the building is in substantial compliance with applicable water quality requirements of the Board of Health, provided that in no event shall applicable water quality requirements be deemed to permit lead in water at an outlet such as a sink or water fountain that is in service at 10 ppb or more. Any water outlet determined to exceed any such water quality requirements shall be taken out of service within 24 hours of notification of the relevant test. The owner of the educational occupancy shall

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post the results of the most recent water quality testing at each particular educational occupancy to a generally available website within ten days of receipt of the results. *Effective June 1, 2025, any drinking fountain at an Educational Group E occupancy that satisfies the requirements of Section PM-502.6 shall be deemed compliant with water quality requirements of this subsection.*