STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

S.P. 334 - L.D. 775

An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 601, sub-c. 9 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 9

WATER TREATMENT EQUIPMENT

§2660-AA. Requirements for water treatment equipment

- 1. **Definitions.** As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.
 - A. "Water treatment company" means a company that installs or services water treatment equipment.
 - B. "Water treatment equipment" means equipment located inside a private residence and designed to alter the condition of water for human consumption, including by means of filtration, purification, softening and reverse osmosis.
- 2. Labeling requirements for installation. An employee of a water treatment company shall affix to water treatment equipment installed by the water treatment company on or after July 1, 2024 a label that contains the following information:
 - A. The name of the water treatment company;
 - B. The full name of the employee that installed the water treatment equipment;
 - C. The date of installation of the water treatment equipment;
 - D. A plumbing permit number associated with the installation of the water treatment equipment, if applicable;
 - E. The condition the water treatment equipment is intended to treat;
 - F. The manufacturer's recommended service interval for the water treatment equipment;

- G. A service record on which an employee performing service on the equipment can enter the employee's initials and date of service; and
- H. Any applicable safety precautions or warnings.
- 3. Labeling requirements for servicing. If an employee of a water treatment company services a piece of water treatment equipment on or after July 1, 2024 with an affixed service record as described by subsection 2, paragraph G, the employee shall enter the employee's initials and date of service. If the employee services a piece of water treatment equipment that does not have a label containing the information required in subsection 2 or that has a label with incomplete information, the employee shall affix a label containing the information required by subsection 2, to the extent the employee can ascertain the information.
- **4.** Unfair trade practice. A water treatment company that fails to comply with this section commits an unfair and deceptive act that is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.