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House of Representatives, January 5, 2022

An Act To Continue Supporting Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond.
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and
Representatives: COREY of Windham, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MEYER of Eliot,
MORRIS of Turner, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland,
MOORE of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Grants for well water abatement.** The Maine State Housing Authority
3 shall provide grants to eligible owners of single-family homes or landlords with private
4 well water that shows evidence of contamination. For purposes of this section,
5 "contamination" means that the level of microorganisms, disinfectants, disinfection by-
6 products, inorganic chemicals, organic chemicals or radionuclides exceeds maximum
7 contaminant levels for public water systems established by the national primary drinking
8 water regulations, 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 141, or similar standards applicable
9 to public water systems in the State pursuant to state law or rule, and "private well water"
10 means water from a private drinking water well as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes,
11 Title 38, section 1392, subsection 8.

12 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
13 allocations are made.

14 **HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

15 **Housing Authority - State 0442**

16 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for grants to eligible owners of single-family homes or
17 landlords with private well water that shows evidence of contamination.

18 GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
19 All Other	\$0	\$500,000
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21 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill provides one-time funding for the treatment of contaminated private drinking
24 water wells.