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.

Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Housing Authority - State 0442

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

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SUMMARY

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