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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1167, L.D. 1570, “An Act To Protect Drinking Water for Maine Residents”

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 3 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "testing" the following: 'for arsenic'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 1, line 36 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "subsection." the following: 'As used in this subsection, "low-income resident" means a person who receives assistance under the MaineCare program or the food supplement program under section 3104.'

Amend the bill in section 6 in paragraph D in the last line (page 2, line 18 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "testing" the following: 'for arsenic'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §2660-Y is enacted to read:

§2660-Y. Landlord arsenic testing

Beginning January 1, 2022 and every 5 years thereafter, a landlord of a residential building shall test for arsenic each private drinking water well used to provide water to a tenant of the landlord. The landlord shall conduct testing under this section through a laboratory certified or accredited pursuant to section 567 and shall, within 10 days of notification of the results, provide to each of the landlord's tenants the results of any test conducted under this section of the private drinking water well used to provide water to the tenant. The landlord shall, within 10 days of notification of the results, notify any new tenant of the most recent results of a test conducted under this section on a private drinking water well that will be used to provide water to the tenant.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 8 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 8. Department of Health and Human Services to amend rules. The Department of Health and Human Services shall review recent research regarding arsenic toxicity and levels suitable for consumption and shall amend 10-144 C.M.R. Chapter 231, Rules Relating to Drinking Water, to revise the maximum contaminant level for arsenic.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

