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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 334, L.D. 775, “An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'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;

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- 1 E. The condition the water treatment equipment is intended to treat;
- 2 F. The manufacturer's recommended service interval for the water treatment
- 3 equipment;
- 4 G. A service record on which an employee performing service on the equipment can
- 5 enter the employee's initials and date of service; and
- 6 H. Any applicable safety precautions or warnings.

7 **3. Labeling requirements for servicing.** If an employee of a water treatment
8 company services a piece of water treatment equipment on or after July 1, 2024 with an
9 affixed service record as described by subsection 2, paragraph G, the employee shall enter
10 the employee's initials and date of service. If the employee services a piece of water
11 treatment equipment that does not have a label containing the information required in
12 subsection 2 or that has a label with incomplete information, the employee shall affix a
13 label containing the information required by subsection 2, to the extent the employee can
14 ascertain the information.

15 **4. Unfair trade practice.** A water treatment company that fails to comply with this
16 section commits an unfair and deceptive act that is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade
17 Practices Act.'

18 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
19 number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

21 This amendment limits the application of the bill to water treatment equipment installed
22 on or after July 1, 2024. It limits the definition of "water treatment equipment" to include
23 only equipment located in a private residence. It also provides that a water treatment
24 company that fails to comply with the provisions of the bill commits an unfair and
25 deceptive act that is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)