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H.P. 487

House of Representatives, January 30, 1997

An Act to Reduce MTBE in Maine Drinking Water.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRIPP of Topsham.
Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and
Representatives: CHARTRAND of Rockland, LOVETT of Scarborough, Senator: LIBBY of
York.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2611, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 751,
§4, is amended to read:

6 **1. State primary drinking water regulations.** The
7 commissioner shall ~~promulgate~~ adopt and enforce primary drinking
8 water ~~regulations--which~~ rules that are necessary to protect the
9 public health and ~~which--shall~~ that apply to all public water
10 systems. Such ~~regulations--shall~~ rules must include:

12 A. Identification of contaminants which that may have an
13 adverse effect on the health of persons;

14 B. ~~Specifies--for~~ For each contaminant, either:

16 (1) A maximum contaminant level that is acceptable in
17 water for human consumption, if it is feasible to
18 ascertain the level of ~~such~~ that contaminant in water
19 in public water systems; or

22 (2) One or more treatment techniques or methods which
23 that lead to a reduction of the level of ~~such~~ that
24 contaminant sufficient to protect the public health, if
25 it is not feasible to ascertain the level of ~~such~~ that
26 contaminant in water in the public water system; and

28 C. Criteria and procedures to ~~assure~~ ensure compliance with
29 the levels or methods determined under paragraph B,
30 including quality control and testing procedures to ~~insure~~
31 ensure compliance with ~~such~~ those levels or methods and to
32 ~~insure~~ ensure proper operation and maintenance of the
33 system, and requirements as to the minimum quality of water
34 which that may be taken into the system and the siting for
35 new facilities; and

36 D. A maximum allowable contaminant level for methyl
37 tert-butyl ether (MTBE) of 5 parts per billion.

40 Such ~~regulations--shall~~ rules may be no less stringent than the
41 most recent National Primary Drinking Water Regulations in
42 effect, as issued or promulgated by the United States
43 Environmental Protection Agency. Regulations under this
44 subsection may be amended from time to time, as necessary.

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SUMMARY

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This bill establishes a maximum allowable contaminant level for all public water supplies for methyl tert-butyl ether of 5 parts per billion.