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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 516, L.D. 744, Bill, "An Act to Enable Retail Stores to Bottle and Sell Water on the Premises"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'22 MRSA §2613, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Exemption for water distillers in retail stores. A retail store that distills and bottles water from a public water system and sells the water on the premises is exempt from state water rules except:

A. The distiller must be inspected annually by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources; and

B. A bacteriological sample of the distilled water must be submitted to the Department of Human Services at least every 3 months. If the distiller has a one-year history of no coliform bacteria contamination, the Department of Human Services may reduce the frequency of sampling to one sample per year.

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will absorb the costs associated with inspecting distillers within budgeted resources. The Department of Human Services will absorb the additional work load associated with testing samples with existing staff. Other costs associated with testing the samples will be offset by the fee charged for such services. An increase in dedicated revenue to the Department of Human Services will result. However, the amount can not be determined as it will depend upon the number of bacteriological samples submitted for testing.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment replaces the bill. The bill placed retail stores that distill, bottle and sell water on the premises completely outside the jurisdiction of "public water system" rules. This amendment limits rules to an annual inspection by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and regular bacteriological samples by the Department of Human Services.

Reported by the Committee on Human Resources
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