

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 2219

H.P. 1572

House of Representatives, January 27, 1992

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative TAMMARO of Baileyville.

Cosponsored by Senator VOSE of Washington, Representative GOULD of Greenville and Representative LORD of Waterboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

An Act to Establish Current Drinking Water Standards for
Environmental Protection.

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

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38 MRSA §343-B is enacted to read:

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§343-B. Drinking water standards

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7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if ground water
8 quality is required to be evaluated, monitored, protected or
9 remediated under rules, licenses or agreements adopted by the
10 department by direct or indirect reference to the maximum
11 exposure guidelines adopted by the Department of Human Services
12 and a primary drinking water maximum contaminant level standard
13 has been adopted by the Department of Human Services for a
14 contaminant under Title 22, section 2611, the maximum contaminant
15 level and not the maximum exposure guideline for that contaminant
16 applies in those rules, licenses or agreements. In any such
17 case, any determination of compliance with a primary drinking
18 water maximum contaminant level standard must be evaluated by use
19 of the analytical methods and calculated by use of the procedures
20 established in the primary drinking water standard for that
21 contaminant.

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24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 This bill ensures that, if the Department of Environmental
26 Protection applies drinking water standards available from the
27 Department of Human Services, the standards will be those that
28 are most up-to-date. This bill does not prevent the Department
29 of Human Services from adopting additional drinking water
30 standards for a contaminant for which there is no maximum
31 contaminant level, nor does it require the Department of
32 Environmental Protection to adopt the enforceable drinking water
33 standards as the standards for ground water or for a public or
34 private water system when there is a more appropriate standard
35 for health or environmental protection. This bill ensures that,
36 if the Department of Human Services has adopted a maximum
37 contaminant level, that level will be applied by the Department
38 of Environmental Protection.