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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 566, L.D. 1601, Bill, "An Act to Ensure That State Water Utility Rules Are Consistent with Federal Requirements"

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2605, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 751, §4, is amended by adding at the end a new indented paragraph to read:

Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, the commissioner may impose no standard, method or procedure upon any water utility, as defined in Title 35-A, section 102, that is more stringent than required under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, or rules promulgated under that Act by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, unless the particular standard, method or procedure has been adopted in a rule adopted according to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act and the rule specifies in detail the scientific basis justifying the more stringent standard, method or procedure and the precise criteria for when the standard, method or procedure applies to a water utility.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces section 2 of the bill. Under this amendment, the Commissioner of the Human Services is proscribed from imposing any standard, method or procedure concerning safe drinking water on a water utility that is more stringent than required under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act or federal regulations adopted pursuant to that Act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT