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An Act to Ensure That State Water Utility Rules Are Consistent with Federal Requirements.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 29, 1993. Referred to the Committee on Utilities and 1200 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VOSE of Washington. Cosponsored by Senator: CARPENTER of York, Representatives: AIKMAN of Poland, CLARK of Millinocket.

-	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 4	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2605, sub-§§5 and 6, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 751, §4, are amended to read:
6 ~	5. Procedures. Adopt and implement adequate procedures to
8	insure compliance with this chapter and rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, including procedures for the monitoring and inspection of public water systems; and
10	6. Advising other agencies. Advise other regulatory
12	agencies of the department's rules, regulations and orders promulgated under this chapter, and
14 16	Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2605, sub-§7 is enacted to read:
	7. Rulemaking. The commissioner may not adopt a rule or
18	<u>procedure under this chapter that is more stringent than the</u> <u>standards set forth in federal law or regulations unless the</u>
20	commissioner is specifically authorized to do so by law.
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24	STATEMENT OF FACT
26	This bill provides that the Commissioner of Human Services may not adopt rules regarding safe drinking water that are more
28	stringent than federal law or regulations unless specifically authorized by law.
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36	This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.
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