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S.P. 234

In Senate, January 26, 1999

An Act to Adjust the Alternative Funding Mechanism for the Maine Public Drinking Water Commission.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen and Representative: BUMPS of China.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2660-E, first ¶, as amended by PL 1997, c. 705, §13, is further amended to read:

In addition to fees authorized under section 9, the commissioner may shall impose an annual operation fee upon each public community water system in the State to maintain adequate staffing levels for the program.

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Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated to the Public Drinking Water Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

18 Bureau of Health

20	Positions	3.0	3.0
	Personal Services	\$136,392	\$143,211
22	All Other	37,649	39,531
24	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	-	·
	TOTAL	\$174,041	\$182,742

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SUMMARY

This bill requires the Maine Public Drinking Water Commission to establish a drinking water fee to fund the staffing of the Maine Public Drinking Water Control Program. This fee will be imposed on community public water systems. Currently the annual fee is assessed to all public water supplies. This change will relieve noncommunity public water systems, such as restaurants, lodging places, schools, etc., from paying this fee.

This bill also appropriates additional funds to go into the named account from the General Fund to fund 3 positions in the Maine Public Drinking Water Control Program, within the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, Division of Health Engineering.