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House of Representatives, February 9, 1999

An Act to Modify the State's Safe Drinking Water Laws.

Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.
Cosponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BULL of Freeport, DAIGLE of Arundel, DUPLESSIE
of Westbrook, O'NEIL of Saco, POWERS of Rockport, SCHNEIDER of Durham, WATSON
of Farmingdale.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2615-A** is enacted to read:

6 **§2615-A. Consumer confidence reports**

8 **1. Annual reports to customers.** The commissioner shall
10 require each community water system, as defined in section
12 2660-B, subsection 2, to prepare and provide to each customer of
14 the system at least once annually a consumer confidence report,
16 which must include, but is not limited to, the source of drinking
18 water and potential contamination sources, the level of regulated
20 contaminants and unregulated contaminants for which monitoring is
required by the primacy agency, the health risks associated with
detected contaminants, the status and notice of public input in
the renewal of variances or exemptions, the nature of applicable
compliance violations, including remedial action, and access to
additional information from the community water system and the
United States Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking
water hotline.

22 **2. Reports to State.** Each community water system shall
24 mail to the department a copy of the consumer confidence report
26 and a signed certification that the report is accurate and was
delivered to each customer of the system.

28 **3. Delivery to customers.** Each community water system
30 shall mail a copy of the consumer confidence report to each
32 customer of the system. The Governor may waive the mailing
34 requirement for community water systems serving fewer than 10,000
36 persons and require those systems to publish the consumer
38 confidence report in a newspaper of general circulation to inform
customers that the report will not be mailed and to make the
report available upon request. If the Governor waives the
mailing requirement for systems serving fewer than 10,000
persons, community water systems serving 500 or fewer persons
have the option of posting the consumer confidence report in an
appropriate public location.

40 Each community water system serving 100,000 or more persons shall
42 also post its current year's report to a publicly accessible site
on the Internet.

44 **4. Rulemaking.** The commissioner shall adopt rules
46 establishing the requirements with respect to the form, content
48 and delivery of consumer confidence reports under this section.
Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical
rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

2 This bill clarifies state laws to better reflect the federal
law authorizing the state revolving loan funds. The bill also
4 provides public water systems the maximum loan terms allowable
under the federal state revolving loan fund legislation.