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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 348, L.D. 1004, Bill, "An Act To Clarify the Status of Regulated Water Utility Plumbing Permits"

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

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4221, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 404, Pt. B, §1, is amended to read:

**4. Inspections and permits not required.** Plumbing inspections and permits are not required for:

A. Minor plumbing work or minor installations that are performed in compliance with state laws and rules if that plumbing work or those installations are done inside the structure of a private residence by the owner of that residence; and

B. Installation of domestic heating appliances by master oil burner technicians licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 33-; and

C. Installation of stand-alone water meters, water meters in combination with nontestable backflow prevention devices and related valves by water utility personnel or water utility contractors. The water utility shall include in any notice it provides to a customer regarding entry to install such a meter or related valves a statement that installation of a backflow preventor may necessitate installation by the customer of additional devices, such as an expansion tank, due to thermal expansion.'

**SUMMARY**

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This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment exempts the installation of stand-alone water meters, water meters in combination with nontestable backflow prevention devices and related valves by water utility personnel or water utility contractors from municipal plumbing inspection and permitting requirements. The amendment also requires that a statement be included in any notice provided to a customer regarding entry to install such water meters or related valves that installation of a backflow preventor may necessitate installation by the customer of additional devices, such as an expansion tank, due to thermal expansion.