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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Public Water System Operation Fees

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COURTNEY of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: NUTTING of Androscoggin, SIMPSON of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2660-E, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 581, §4, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **1. Rules.** The department shall establish fee formulas by rules adopted in
5 accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. The department must consult
6 with and consider the advice of the commission in preparing the rules. Proposed rules
7 issued by the department under this section must include the fee formulas and collection
8 and transfer schedules developed by the commission. Fee formulas adopted under this
9 section must be equitable. Fees may be based on, but are not limited to, the population
10 served, service connections, volume of water pumped or available seats, campsites,
11 rooms or lots, and may include fixed or graduated fee formulas or combinations of the fee
12 formulas. The base fee may be no more than \$50 \$75 per year per public water system.
13 ~~The base plus per capita fee may be no more than \$30,000 per year per public water~~
14 ~~system.~~

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill changes the annual base fee imposed on public water systems operating in
17 the State from \$50 to \$75. This bill also removes language that limits the base plus per
18 capita fee to no more than \$30,000 per year per public water system.