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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

131ST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 334, L D 775, "An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 601, sub-c. 9 is enacted to read

SUBCHAPTER 9

WATER TREATMENT EQUIPMENT

§2660-AA. Requirements for water treatment equipment

1. Definitions. As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings

A "Water treatment company" means a company that installs or services water treatment equipment

B "Water treatment equipment" means equipment located inside a private residence and designed to alter the condition of water for human consumption, including by means of filtration, purification, softening and reverse osmosis

2. Labeling requirements for installation. An employee of a water treatment company shall affix to water treatment equipment installed by the water treatment company on or after July 1, 2024 a label that contains the following information

A The name of the water treatment company.

B The full name of the employee that installed the water treatment equipment.

C The date of installation of the water treatment equipment.

D A plumbing permit number associated with the installation of the water treatment equipment, if applicable.

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E The condition the water treatment equipment is intended to treat.

F The manufacturer's recommended service interval for the water treatment equipment.

G A service record on which an employee performing service on the equipment can enter the employee's initials and date of service, and

H Any applicable safety precautions or warnings

**3. Labeling requirements for servicing.** If an employee of a water treatment company services a piece of water treatment equipment on or after July 1, 2024 with an affixed service record as described by subsection 2, paragraph G, the employee shall enter the employee's initials and date of service. If the employee services a piece of water treatment equipment that does not have a label containing the information required in subsection 2 or that has a label with incomplete information, the employee shall affix a label containing the information required by subsection 2, to the extent the employee can ascertain the information.

**4. Unfair trade practice.** A water treatment company that fails to comply with this section commits an unfair and deceptive act that is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively

**SUMMARY**

This amendment limits the application of the bill to water treatment equipment installed on or after July 1, 2024. It limits the definition of "water treatment equipment" to include only equipment located in a private residence. It also provides that a water treatment company that fails to comply with the provisions of the bill commits an unfair and deceptive act that is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 775

LR 1733(02)

## An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-132)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund  
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

#### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system  
The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time  
The collection of additional filing fees will increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Office of the Attorney General associated with enforcement are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources