

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

S.P. 592 - L.D. 1473

An Act to Protect Certain Unfiltered Drinking Water Sources

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4364, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Exception. This section does not apply to a lot or portion of a lot that is within the watershed of a water source that is located in the City of Lewiston or the City of Auburn and that is used to provide drinking water by a water utility that has received a waiver from filtration pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 141.70 to 141.76, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Exception. This section does not apply to a lot or portion of a lot that is within the watershed of a water source that is located in the City of Lewiston or the City of Auburn and that is used to provide drinking water by a water utility that has received a waiver from filtration pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 141.70 to 141.76, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Exception. This section does not apply to a lot or portion of a lot that is within the watershed of a water source that is located in the City of Lewiston or the City of Auburn and that is used to provide drinking water by a water utility that has received a waiver from filtration pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 141.70 to 141.76, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sec. 4. Drinking water program; study. The drinking water program within the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, in coordination with the Department of Environmental Protection, shall evaluate state law and rules designed to protect the water quality of water sources and their related watersheds that are used to provide drinking water by a water utility that has received a waiver from filtration pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 141.70 to 141.76, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services, and to identify any necessary changes to state law or rules or any other actions that can be implemented to strengthen the protections for those water sources and watersheds. On or

before January 15, 2024, the program shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources a report summarizing its evaluation under this section and providing any recommendations, including any proposed legislation, resulting from the evaluation. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.