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HOUSE AMENDMENT " \mathcal{A} " to H.P. 1542 to L.D.1657 , Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Rule-making and Review Process of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §8052, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Adoption of rule. The agency shall, in adopting rules, be consistent with the terms of the proposed rule, except to the extent it determines necessary to address concerns raised in comments and makes specific findings supporting such changes.

Within 120 days of the final date by which data, views or arguments may be submitted to the agency for consideration in adopting the rules, the agency shall:

A. Act to adopt the proposed rule;

B. Reinstate public notice; or

C. Make a specific finding that it does not intend to adopt the rule. stating the period for which this intention shall obtain.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the agency is not required to adopt any rule that it proposes.

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