

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

DATE: 3-24-98

(Filing No. H-1037)

MAJORITY
NATURAL RESOURCES

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 489, L.D. 660, Bill, "An Act to Opt out of the Federal Requirement to Use Reformulated Fuel"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to Study Alternative Fuels'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Alternative fuels study. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall evaluate and develop recommendations regarding alternative fuels that would meet the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act, Section 182, 42 United States Code, Section 7511a(b)(1). In developing these recommendations, the commissioner shall consult with members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resource matters, members of the public, the Bureau of Health within the Department of Human Services, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, representatives of the oil industry and other interested parties. The commissioner shall hold at least one public hearing prior to developing the interim report required under section 2; and be it further

Sec. 2. Recommendations; report. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall submit a report,

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

including the findings from the evaluation and recommendations regarding alternative fuels, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resource matters by January 15, 2000. The commissioner shall submit an interim progress report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resource matters by January 15, 1999; and be it further

Sec. 3. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1998-99

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Air Quality

All Other \$7,250

Appropriates funds for the costs of holding a public hearing and for the costs of comparative risk study which will be contracted through the Bureau of Health, within the Department of Human Services.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

1998-99

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$7,250

The Department of Environmental Protection will require an additional General Fund appropriation of \$7,250 in fiscal year 1998-99 for the costs of conducting a public hearing and for the costs of conducting the required comparative risk study. This amount includes \$5,000 to allow the department to reimburse the Bureau of Health within the Department of Human Services for its services. The estimated future costs in fiscal year 1999-2000

will be approximately \$2,250 to cover the cost of conducting one public hearing.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources, replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment is a resolve that requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to evaluate and make recommendations regarding alternative fuels that would meet the requirements in the federal Clean Air Act for a 15% rate of progress plan for the reduction of volatile organic compound emissions. The commissioner shall submit an interim report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resource matters by January 15, 1999 and a final report by January 15, 2000. The amendment requires the commissioner to hold at least one public hearing prior to developing the interim report.

The amendment also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note.