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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 906

H.P. 653

House of Representatives, February 6, 1997

**An Act to Facilitate Removal of Certain Licensed Overboard Discharges.**

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Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KONTOS of Windham.  
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and  
Representative OTT of York.

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1163, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

**3. Elimination of licensed overboard discharge.**

Notwithstanding subsection 1, any sanitary district that is authorized by its charter to provide service to more than one municipality that intends to extend a sewer line to provide service that will eliminate a licensed overboard discharge of 30,000 gallons per day or more by diverting the discharge into the sanitary district's treatment system may construct that extension without the written assurance in subsection 1. Any extension constructed pursuant to this subsection must be by a forced main with no direct connections to the extension unless the connection will replace another licensed overboard discharge of 30,000 gallons per day or more. Any service associated with the extension that does not eliminate a licensed overboard discharge of 30,000 gallons per day or more must receive the written assurance provided for in subsection 1.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1252, sub-§7, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. Notwithstanding paragraph A, any sewer district that is authorized by its charter to provide service to more than one municipality that intends to extend a sewer line to provide service that will eliminate a licensed overboard discharge of 30,000 gallons per day or more by diverting the discharge into the sewer district's treatment system may construct that extension without the written assurance in paragraph A. Any extension constructed pursuant to this paragraph must be by a forced main with no direct connections to the extension unless the connection will replace another licensed overboard discharge of 30,000 gallons per day or more. Any service associated with the extension that does not eliminate a licensed overboard discharge of 30,000 gallons per day or more must receive the written assurance provided for in paragraph A.

**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes sanitary and sewer districts that serve more than one municipality to construct an extension if that extension eliminates large licensed overboard discharges of 30,000 gallons per day or more thereby diverting the discharge into a district's treatment system. This extension must be a forced main construction with no direct connections except to eliminate another overboard discharge of 30,000 gallons per day or more. Any other service that does not meet these restrictions must receive the written assurance from the appropriate municipal officers as required by law.