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NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 549, L.D. 743, Bill, "An Act To Protect Public Health and the Environment through the Collection and Recycling of Electronic Waste"

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

'An Act To Develop a Plan for Cathode Ray Tube Disposal'

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

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1306, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Cathode ray tube disposal. After January 1, 2006, a person may not dispose of a cathode ray tube in a solid waste disposal facility. This subsection may not be construed to affect existing laws, rules or regulations governing disposal of cathode ray tubes in effect prior to January 1, 2006.

Sec. 2. Stakeholder group established. The Department of Environmental Protection shall convene a stakeholder group to assist the department in developing a recommended plan for the collection and recycling of cathode ray tubes, referred to in this section as "CRTs." The plan must utilize the concept of shared responsibility among manufacturers, distributors, retailers, consumers and other parties. The stakeholder group must be convened no later than 30 days after the effective date of this Act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1. **Membership.** The stakeholder group must include representation from an environmental advocacy organization; the electronic manufacturing industry; a recycling or consolidation business; the Executive Department, State Planning Office; a statewide municipal association; a solid waste disposal business; and other interested parties that may have a role in the collection and recycling plan.

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2. **Duties.** The Department of Environmental Protection, with the assistance of the stakeholder group, shall:

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A. Identify products that contain CRTs; track the distribution of these products among consumer groups, including households, small businesses and industry; and determine the number of CRTs that are currently available for collection;

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B. Identify existing resources for the collection and recycling of CRTs and recommend ways to expand in-state resources for the collection and recycling of CRTs;

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C. Review the various types and sizes of CRTs in order to recommend which CRTs should be included in a collection and recycling program;

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D. Review alternative disposal practices, including the practice of disposal in lined solid waste landfills or incineration and the practice of collection, recycling and final disposal; and

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E. Estimate the cost of collection and recycling of CRTs and recommend a plan for how the costs should be paid, including the costs of collecting orphaned and historic waste. The payment plan must address shared responsibility among manufacturers, distributors, retailers, consumers and other parties.

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3. **Report.** The Department of Environmental Protection shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources no later than January 30, 2004 a recommended plan, including any legislation necessary to implement the plan, for the collection and recycling of CRTs that utilizes shared responsibility among manufacturers, distributors, retailers, consumers and other parties. The Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources may report out legislation concerning the collection and recycling of CRTs during the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.'

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

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4 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment proposes to
6 ban the disposal of cathode ray tubes, that are not already
8 prohibited from disposal under the hazardous waste rules, in
10 solid waste disposal facilities beginning January 1, 2006. The
12 amendment also requires the Department of Environmental
14 Protection to convene a stakeholder group and to develop a
16 recommended plan, utilizing the concept of shared responsibility
among manufacturers, distributors, retailers, consumers and other
parties, for the collection and recycling of cathode ray tubes.
Under the amendment, the department must submit the recommended
plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by
January 30, 2004. The amendment authorizes the Joint Standing
Committee on Natural Resources to report out legislation during
the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

LD 743

**An Act to Protect Public Health and the Environment through the
Collection and Recycling of Electronic Waste**

LR 1194(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund