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NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1312, L.D. 1790, Bill, "An Act To Reduce Contamination of Breast Milk and the Environment from the Release of Brominated Chemicals in Consumer Products"

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 §1609 is enacted to read:

§1609. Restrictions on sale and distribution of brominated flame retardants

1. "Penta" mixture and "octa" mixture of polybrominated diphenyl ethers. Effective January 1, 2006, a person may not sell or offer to sell, or distribute for promotional purposes, a product containing more than 1% of the "penta" or "octa" mixtures of polybrominated diphenyl ethers.

2. Review; report. The department, with the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, shall review relevant risk assessments in connection with brominated flame retardants and relevant findings and rulings by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the European Union. The department shall annually, no later than January 5th, submit a report regarding the regulation of brominated flame retardants to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters. For purposes of this subsection, "brominated flame retardant" means any chemical containing the element bromine that may be added to a plastic, foam or textile to inhibit flame formation.

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LD 1790

An Act To Reduce Contamination of Breast Milk and the Environment
from the Release of Brominated Chemicals in Consumer Products

LR 2478(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes



Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs associated with carrying out this legislation can be absorbed by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Bureau of Health in the Department of Human Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.