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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 709, L.D. 1863, Bill, "An Act To Provide Additional Financing for Costs Associated with the Remediation of a Waste Oil Handling Facility Site in Plymouth"

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

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Portland-Bangor Waste Oil Services, a defunct Maine corporation, operated a waste oil handling facility in Plymouth; and

Whereas, this site is contaminated and must be cleaned up expeditiously to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

Whereas, investigation and cleanup of the site will be expensive; and

Whereas, under state and federal law, any entity that sent waste oil or other contaminants to the site is a "responsible party" and, as such, is jointly and severally liable for the cost of investigation and cleanup; and

Whereas, this liability may pose an extraordinary financial hardship to small businesses, municipalities and others who sent waste oil to the site; and

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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study and reformatting that provision as a unique subsection in
the statutes.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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



LD 1863

**An Act To Provide Additional Financing for Costs Associated with the
Remediation of a Waste Oil Handling Facility Site in Plymouth**

LR 2715(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A'

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

There are sufficient funds available in the Waste Oil Clean-Up Fund for this purpose. Additional costs to the Finance Authority of Maine can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.