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**An Act To Require That the Department of Environmental
Protection Consider Economic Impact When Adopting
Environmental Regulations**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRS §349-B** is enacted to read:

6 **§349-B. Consideration of economic impact in rulemaking**

8 In adopting, amending and enforcing rules under this Title,
10 the department and the board shall consider the economic impact
12 of the rules or proposed rules on the residents of the State,
14 including, but not limited to, the impact of the rules or
16 proposed rules on the livelihood of a landowner and the ability
18 of a resident to provide for that resident's family.

20 **SUMMARY**

This bill requires that, in adopting, amending and enforcing rules under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Board of Environmental Protection consider the economic impact of those rules on the landowners' livelihoods.