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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 407, L.D. 563, Bill, "An Act To Help Municipalities Prepare for Sea Level Rise"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 5 to 7 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §4326, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Addressing sea level rise. A municipality or multimunicipal region that is in the coastal area may include in its comprehensive plan projections regarding changes in sea level and potential effects of the rise in sea level on buildings, transportation infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities and other relevant municipal, multimunicipal or privately held infrastructure or property and may develop a coordinated plan for addressing the effects of the rise in sea level. For the purposes of this subsection, "coastal area" has the same meaning as in Title 38, section 1802, subsection 1.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that a municipality or multimunicipal region that is in the "coastal area" as that term is defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1802, subsection 1 is subject to the bill. The amendment also strikes from the bill a requirement that state, local and certain federal agencies responsible for regulating, planning, developing or managing coastal resources conduct their activities affecting the coastal area consistent with the policy of encouraging the assessment of and planning for the effects of the rise in sea level.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 563

LR 507(02)

An Act To Help Municipalities Prepare for Sea Level Rise

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-180)
Committee: State and Local Government
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Environmental Protection or the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to encourage the assessment of and planning for the effects of a change in sea level on relevant state, regional, municipal or privately held infrastructure, property or resources are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Municipalities may incur costs if they choose to rewrite existing comprehensive plans to incorporate the assessment of and planning for the effects of a change in sea level. Such rewrites would be voluntary and any related costs are not expected to be significant.