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House of Representatives, February 28, 2019

**An Act To Improve Funding for Maine's Hazardous Materials
Emergency Response Teams**

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

Robert B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, DOORE of Augusta, MARTIN of Eagle Lake,
McCREA of Fort Fairfield, NADEAU of Winslow, TIPPING of Orono, WHITE of Waterville.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to improve the training and retention of oil and hazardous materials
6 emergency response workers and their ability to respond to oil and hazardous materials
7 emergencies by requiring the State to:

8 1. Pay or waive the fee for workers for the cost of necessary training courses and any
9 materials required for those courses;

10 2. Compensate workers fairly for the time spent in training courses, while on call and
11 when responding to hazardous materials emergencies; and

12 3. Purchase hazardous materials emergency response equipment for use by
13 municipalities or reimburse municipalities that purchase hazardous materials emergency
14 response equipment.