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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 132ND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 29, L.D. 65, "An Act to Update the Definition of "Coastal Wetlands" Under the Natural Resources Protection Act"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Update the Definition of "Coastal Wetlands" Under the Natural Resources Protection Act and the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Laws'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §436-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2005, c. 330, §10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Coastal wetlands. "Coastal wetlands" has the same meaning as in section 480-B, subsection 2.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §480-B, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2005, c. 330, §13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Coastal wetlands. "Coastal wetlands" means:

A. All areas with vegetation present that is tolerant of salt water and occurs primarily in a saltwater or estuarine habitat; and

B. All tidal and subtidal lands and any swamp, marsh, bog, beach, flat or other contiguous lowland subject to tidal action during the highest astronomical tide as determined by the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Coastal wetlands may include portions of coastal sand dunes.'

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment reorganizes the definition of "coastal wetlands" in the Natural Resources Protection Act and makes corresponding changes to the definition of "coastal wetlands" in the mandatory shoreland zoning laws.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 02/24/25 **LRL**

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-161)
Committee: Environment and Natural Resources
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 to adopt the changes in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.