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In Senate, February 11, 2025

An Act to Update Waste Discharge License Fees

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 5, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §353-B, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 631, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 A. The fees for waste discharge license groups are the 2019 bill amounts increased by
5 a factor of 1.4, unless otherwise indicated, as follows.

6 Discharge group		7 Basis for annual fee	8 Median fee for discharge group	9 Water quality improvement surcharge
10 Publicly owned 11 treatment 12 facilities, 10,000 13 gallons per day 14 or less	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$543	
15 Publicly owned 16 treatment 17 facilities, more 18 than 10,000 19 gallons per day 20 to 0.1 million 21 gallons per day	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$689	
22 Publicly owned 23 treatment 24 facilities, more 25 than 0.1 million 26 gallons per day 27 to 1.0 million 28 gallons per day	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,063	
29 Publicly owned 30 treatment 31 facilities, more 32 than 1.0 million 33 gallons per day 34 to 5.0 million 35 gallons per day 36 37 38 39	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$2,241	

1	Publicly owned	annual fee	2019 bill	\$7,850
2	treatment		amount	
3	facilities, greater			
4	than 5 million			
5	gallons per day			
6	or with			
7	significant			
8	industrial waste			
9				
10	Major industrial	annual fee	2019 bill	\$33,919
11	facility, process		amount	
12	wastewater			
13	(based on EPA			
14	list of major			
15	source			
16	discharges)			
17				
18	Other industrial	annual fee	2019 bill	\$2,093
19	facility, process		amount	
20	wastewater			
21				
22	Food handling or	annual fee	2019 bill	\$1,135
23	packaging		amount	
24	wastewater			
25				
26	Fish-rearing	annual fee	2019 bill	\$538
27	<u>Terrestrial fish-</u>		amount	
28	<u>rearing</u> facility			
29	0.1 million			
30	gallons per day			
31	or less			
32				
33	Fish-rearing	annual fee	2019 bill	\$1,368
34	<u>Terrestrial fish-</u>		amount	
35	<u>rearing</u> facility			
36	over 0.1 million			
37	gallons per day			
38				
39	Marine	annual fee	2019 bill	\$529
40	aquaculture		amount	
41	facility			
42				
43	<u>Marine finfish</u>	<u>annual fee</u>	<u>\$1,682</u>	<u>\$1,682</u>
44	<u>aquaculture</u>			
45	<u>facility</u>			
46				
47	Noncontact	annual fee	2019 bill	\$330
48	cooling water		amount	

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2	Industrial or	annual fee	2019 bill	\$626		
3	commercial		amount			
4	sources,					
5	miscellaneous or					
6	incidental					
7	nonprocess					
8	wastewater					
9						
10	Municipal	annual fee	2019 bill	\$711		
11	combined sewer		amount			
12	overflow					
13						
14	Sanitary	annual fee	2019 bill	\$1,268		
15	wastewater,		amount			
16	excluding					
17	overboard					
18	discharge					
19						
20	Sanitary	annual fee	2011 bill	\$446	\$75	
21	overboard		amount			
22	discharge,					
23	commercial					
24	sources					
25						
26	Sanitary	annual fee	2011 bill	\$231	\$75	
27	overboard		amount			
28	discharge,					
29	residential					
30	sources 600					
31	gallons per day					
32	or less					
33						
34	Sanitary	annual fee	2011 bill	\$313	\$75	
35	overboard		amount			
36	discharge,					
37	residential					
38	sources more					
39	than 600 gallons					
40	per day					
41						
42	Sanitary	annual fee	2011 bill	\$315	\$75	
43	overboard		amount			
44	discharge, public					
45	sources					
46						

1	Aquatic	annual fee	2019 bill	\$1,110
2	pesticide		amount	
3	application			
4				
5	Snow dumps	annual fee	2019 bill	\$550
6			amount	
7				
8	Salt and sand	annual fee	2019 bill	\$738
9	storage pile		amount	
10				
11	Log storage	annual fee	2019 bill	\$727
12	permit		amount	
13				
14	General permit	annual fee	2019 bill	\$588
15	coverage for		amount	
16	industrial storm			
17	water discharges			
18	(except			
19	construction)			
20				
21	General permit	annual fee	2019 bill	\$230 <u>\$1,682</u>
22	coverage for		amount	
23	marine		<u>\$1,682</u>	
24	aquaculture			
25	facility			
26				
27	<u>General permit</u>	<u>annual fee</u>	<u>\$1,306</u>	<u>\$1,306</u>
28	<u>coverage for</u>			
29	<u>municipal</u>			
30	<u>separate storm</u>			
31	<u>sewer system</u>			
32				
33	General permit	annual fee	2019 bill	\$283
34	coverage (other)		amount	
35				
36	Experimental	license fee	2019 bill	\$1,550
37	discharge license		amount	
38				
39	New or amended	flat fee	\$9,254	---
40	mixing zone, in			
41	addition to other			
42	applicable fees			
43				
44	Formation of	flat fee	\$693	---
45	sanitary district			
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