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3 ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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5 STATE OF MAINE

6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

7 132ND LEGISLATURE

8 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 782, L.D. 1177, "Resolve, Establishing
10 a 3-year Moratorium on the Installation or Reinstallation of Synthetic Turf and Requiring
11 a Study of the Public Health and Environmental Risks of Synthetic Turf"

12 Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

13 '**Resolve, to Study the Public Health and Environmental Risks from Synthetic Turf**'

14 Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

15 '**Sec. 1. Department of Environmental Protection; synthetic turf study.**

16 **Resolved:** That the Department of Environmental Protection shall conduct a study
17 regarding the potential risks to public health and the environment from synthetic turf, which
18 must include, but is not limited to:

19 1. An examination of end-of-life disposal options and practices for synthetic turf,
20 including the rates of recycling for synthetic turf and the percentage of synthetic turf that
21 is landfilled, incinerated or managed through chemical plastic processing, as defined in the
22 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1303-C, subsection 2-C, in the State and in other
23 jurisdictions;

24 2. An evaluation of the effects of the use of synthetic turf on the surrounding ambient
25 air, groundwater and surface water temperatures, as well as on the surrounding
26 environment and organisms; and

27 3. An analysis of the rates of release of microplastics from synthetic turf over time and
28 the effects of those microplastics on the surrounding environment and organisms and on
29 human health.

30 In conducting the study, the department may solicit the assistance of any other state
31 agency as well as input from environmental and public health specialists and other
32 stakeholders.

33 For the purposes of this resolve, "synthetic turf" means ground cover resembling
34 natural grass turf that is made of synthetic fiber constructed from plastic components and
35 that is used to surface parks, outdoor playing fields and athletic fields, indoor athletic

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1 facilities and similar venues. "Synthetic turf" includes any similar material or composition
2 of materials used in place of natural grass turf for those purposes.

3 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2028, the Department of
4 Environmental Protection shall submit a report that includes its findings and
5 recommendations from the study under section 1, including any suggested legislation, to
6 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and
7 natural resources matters. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may
8 report out related legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

9 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
10 appropriations and allocations are made.

11 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

12 **Administration - Environmental Protection 0251**

13 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for contracted services.

14 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
15 All Other	\$100,000	\$0
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17 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$0

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

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment changes the title of and replaces the resolve. It directs the Department
23 of Environmental Protection to conduct a study regarding the potential risks to public health
24 and the environment from synthetic turf. No later than January 1, 2028, the department is
25 required to submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations from the study,
26 including any suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
27 having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters, which may report out
28 related legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

29 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

30 (See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1177****LR 1210(02)**

**Resolve, Establishing a 3-year Moratorium on the Installation or Reinstallation of Synthetic Turf and
Requiring a Study of the Public Health and Environmental Risks of Synthetic Turf**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-240)
Committee: Environment and Natural Resources
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Environmental Protection of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 for contracted services to complete a study regarding the potential risks to public health and the environment of synthetic turf.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.