

STATE OF MAINE SENATE 105TH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE AMENDMENT "B " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1127, L. D. 1557, Bill, "AN ACT Revising the Air Pollution Laws."

Amend said Amendment by striking out all of the last paragraph before the Statement of Fact and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Further amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following: § 585-A. Establishment of standards

The commission may, after the establishment of ambient air quality standards and emission standards, establish and amend reasonable standards and regulations to implement ambient and emission standards established by the commission. Such standards and regulations shall be designed to achieve and maintain ambient air quality standards and emission standards within any region and the prevention of air pollution.

Prior to the establishment or amendment of such standards and regulations the commission shall conduct a public hearing thereon. Public notice of such hearing shall be given in the same manner as is provided in section 584 for notice of hearings with respect to establishment of ambient air quality standards. At such hearing the commission shall solicit and receive testimony concerning applicable ambient air quality and emission standards; the availability, effectiveness and cost of any air pollution control apparatus designed to prevent or control air pollution or violations of ambient air quality or emission standards which would be required by any proposed

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standards or regulations; and such other evidence as in the commission's judgment will enable it to determine and establish standards and regulations adequate to maintain applicable ambient air quality and emission standards.

After hearing the commission shall by order establish or amend reasonable standards and regulations which shall be designed to achieve the purposes set forth in the first paragraph of this section. The order shall state the date upon which such standards and regulations or any of them, become effective, and such standards shall thereafter be in effect until 90 days after the date of adjournment of the next regular or special session of the Legislature unless such next regular or special session shall adopt by legislative enactment such standards.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to revise section 3 to authorize the commission to adopt regulations to implement previously adopted ambient and emission standards. Commission authority is limited to the adoption of regulations directly related to established ambient and emission standards and does not extend to regulation of industrial processes, the primary function of the commission under the statute being to establish standards and the burden being upon industry and other citizens to find the means of meeting such standards when adopted. Proposed by Senator: (Schulten) NAME:

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