

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
106TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A " to H. P. 819, L. D. 1149, Bill, "AN ACT Providing for a Tax on Petroleum Products and Refineries to Promote Environmental Protection."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of subsections 1 and 2 of that part designated "§4908." of section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'1. Maine Refinery Hazards Abatement Fund. The Maine Refinery Hazards Abatement Fund is established to be used by the Department of Environmental Protection as a nonlapsing revolving fund for use in the prevention or abatement of the threats, dangers and hazards referred to in section 4901. The fund shall be limited to the sum of \$3,000,000 at any one time. To this sum shall be credited all revenues received after costs of collection of the tax imposed by this chapter and the enforcement thereof. Any amount so collected which exceeds \$3,000,000 shall revert to the General Fund. Moneys in the fund not currently needed for the purposes of this section may be invested in such manner as is provided for by statute. Interest received on such investment shall be credited to said fund subject to the dollar limitation stated in this section.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of subsection 2 of that part designated "§1594." of section 6 and inserting in place thereof the following:

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'2. Balance of funds. The balance of such amount shall be credited to the Maine Refinery Hazards Abatement Fund as created in section 4908, subject to uses and limitations outlined in that section.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment will create a Maine Refinery Hazards Abatement Fund, limited to \$3,000,000 with amounts above that figure generated by the petroleum products tax and the personal property tax feature of their legislative document made available to the General Fund. This fund is quite similar to the Maine Coastal Protection Fund.

Filed by Mr. Morton of Farmington.

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