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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1476

H. P. 1183

House of Representatives, March 25, 1975

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule 10. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bowie of Gardiner.

Cosponsor: Mr. Mills of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Requirements for Waste Water Treatment Plants under Environmental Protection Laws.

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

32 MRSA § 4181, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 625, § 224, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 4181. Penalty

On and after October 1, 1970, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, both municipal and private, operating a wastewater treatment plant to operate same unless the competency of the operator only is certified to by the board under this chapter. It shall be unlawful for any person to perform the duties of an operator, as defined, without being certified under this chapter. The board may further grant a waiver for a period not exceeding one year for the operation of a wastewater treatment plant serving not more than 500 services in the event that the certification requirements cannot be met. The board may further grant a waiver for the operation of a waste water treatment plant to any municipality which has filed plans with the board which has been subject to unavoidable delay as in the case of obtaining funds to increase the sewage percentage outfall through existing pipes or adding new pipe facilities to serve new communities.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to grant the Board of Environmental Protection authority to allow municipalities to waive existing requirements under the law in the case of unavoidable delay.