

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 2096

H.P. 1909 House of Representatives, January 26, 1976  
Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and  
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SIX

**AN ACT to Clarify the Provisions of the Water Pollution Statutes.**

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

38 MRSA § 451-A, sub-§ 2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 209,  
is amended to read:

2. **Exemptions.** Any person, other than a municipality, maintaining a discharge subject to the requirements of sections 413, 414 and 414-A shall be exempt from the requirements of section 414-A, subsection 1, paragraph D, Effluent Limitations and Best Practicable Treatment, if, within 120 days of the effective date of this Act October 1, 1975 or on the commencement of a licensed discharge, whichever occurs later, such discharger presents to the Department of Environmental Protection and receives approval of a contract agreeing to connect to the existing or planned municipal sewage system immediately upon completion of construction and commencement of operation of such treatment plant or as soon as possible upon completion of construction of the planned sewer line interceptor to the point which lies nearest to that discharge, whichever is later. Such contract must insure that, in the case of a new discharge, such new discharge will not cause serious water quality problems, including but not limited to downgrading the receiving waters so as to make them unsuitable for currently existing uses. For the purpose of this section a "new discharge" which commences or a discharge which changes characteristics or increases licensed volume by more than 10% on or after the effective date of this Act October 1, 1975.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the provision of the water pollution statutes pertaining to effluent discharges and licensing of those discharges.