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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 102, L.D. 215, Bill, "AN ACT to Revise the Law Concerning Discharges into Certain Lakes."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §363-A, 6th ¶, ←————→ as enacted by PL 1977, c. 373, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

These waters shall be free from sludge deposits, solid refuse and floating solids, such as oils, grease or scum. No radioactive matter or substances may be permitted in these waters other than that occurring from natural phenomena.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §363-A, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 373, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

There shall be no direct or indirect discharge of sewage, pollutants or other substances harmful to water quality or aquatic life into waters of this classification, except as provided in sections 371-A and 413. No materials may be placed on the shores or banks thereof in such a manner that the ^{materials} may fall or be washed into the waters or in such a manner that the drainage therefrom may flow or leach into those waters.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §371-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 373, §31, is amended to read:

2. Existing discharges. Existing licensed discharges to Class GP-A and GP-B great ponds will be allowed to continue until practical alternatives exist, but no new discharges will be permitted to Class GP-A and GP-B great ponds after ~~the effective date of this~~ section October 24, 1977.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment amends the statutes which allow discharges into GP-B lakes. There are 16 lakes presently classified GP-B.

The water quality of GP-B lakes is generally considered unacceptable by the Maine public. This is because the lakes are already overloaded with nutrients or wastes.

Most GP-B lakes are in the process of being restored with federal, state and local funds. It makes little sense to allow direct or indirect discharges into those waters which the State is trying to restore. These lakes and ponds deserve protection from future discharges so that the property owners as well as other lake interests are satisfied.