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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 995

House of Representatives, March 9, 1981

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Post of Owl's Head.

Cosponsors: Representative Fowlie of Rockland and Senator Collins of Knox.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Allow the Board of Environmental Protection to Authorize and Pay for Oil Spill Damage Studies.

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

38 MRSA § 551, sub-§ 5, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. Payment of costs for studies of the source and effects on the environment of actual discharges of oil, petroleum products and their by-products covered by this subchapter. The board shall establish regulations setting aside funds for this purpose to be disbursed by the commissioner after consultation with the Commissioner of Marine Resources.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This legislation resulted from the Christian Reinauer oil spill in Penobscot Bay in December, 1980. This bill will allow the board to conduct studies on the effects of oil on the environment whenever an oil spill takes place. This will enable the State to determine the extent, if any, of the harmful effects and determine what should be done to mitigate the damages.