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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1542

S. P. 573

In Senate, April 21, 1981

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

Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator O'Leary of Oxford.

Cosponsor: Representative Masterton of Cape Elizabeth and Representative Hall of Sangerville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Enable the State of Maine to Fund Waste Water Treatment Systems in the Event Federal Funds are not Included or Limited in Future Federal Budgets.

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA § 411, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 694, § 1, is amended to read:

The department is authorized to pay an amount at least 15%, but not to exceed 25%, of the expense of a municipal or quasi-municipal pollution abatement construction program ~~which has received federal approval and federal funds for construction~~ **The department may pay an amount, not more than once annually, up to 90% of the expense of a municipal or quasi-municipal pollution abatement construction program in which the total construction cost of the project does not exceed \$100,000.** State grant-in-aid participation under this section shall be limited to grants for waste treatment facilities, interceptor systems and outfalls. The word "expense" shall not include costs relating to land acquisition or debt service **unless allowed under federal statutes and regulations.**

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA § 411, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 694, § 1, is amended by adding after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read:

The department shall develop a project priority list, for approval by the board, for pollution abatement construction projects. The factors to be considered in developing the priority lists shall include, but not be limited to, protection of water supplies, shellfish and water contact activities.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA § 412, sub-§ 1, first ¶, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 81, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The department may provide preliminary and final planning assistance to any municipal or quasi-municipal pollution abatement construction project for which the department estimates the total construction costs of the project will not exceed \$100,000.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow the State to fund construction of waste treatment facilities independent of the availability of federal funds. In addition, the bill allows the Department of Environmental Protection staff to provide engineering and planning services to communities for those small projects whose construction cost is less than \$100,000. These small projects will also be eligible for 90% state funding with the remaining 10% paid at the local level.