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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1472

7 H.P. 1114

House of Representatives, April 14, 1983

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

10 On Motion of Representative Carter of Winslow, referred to the
Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Michaud of E. Millinocket.

11 Cosponsor: Senator Kany of Kennebec.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Authorize the Department of
18 Environmental Protection to Continue to
19 Provide Technical Assistance to Municipalities
20 and other Quasi-municipal Entities Regarding
21 Solid Waste Management.
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
24 follows:

25 38 MRSA §342, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1981, c.
26 526, §1, is amended to read:

27 6. Technical services. The commissioner may pro-
28 vide technical assistance, advice and consultation at
29 the request of any municipality or quasi-municipal
30 entity on matters relating to solid waste management.
31 Technical services may include, but not be limited
32 to, technical advice regarding the operation of waste
33 management facilities or services and employment of
34 consultants to assist in the location or design of
35 any type of solid waste facility. The assignment of

1 consultants shall be based upon demonstrated need,
2 including, but not limited to, placement on the
3 open-dump inventory list, noncompliance with orders
4 of the board or noncompliance with state or federal
5 rules. ~~This subsection is repealed on June 30, 1983-~~

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 This bill enables the Department of Environmental
8 Protection to continue providing solid waste techni-
9 cal assistance to municipalities. The existing techni-
10 cal assistance program was established by the 110th
11 Legislature as a pilot program to help municipalities
12 analyze and correct problems with their landfills by
13 providing technical expertise not readily available
14 in most communities. Since the program began, the
15 Department of Environmental Protection has helped
16 several municipalities solve operational problems at
17 their landfills, and has hired consultants to perform
18 geologic analyses, test ground water and solve drain-
19 age problems at a number of sites. This bill makes
20 the technical assistance program a continuing one.

21 This bill is also a response to the suggestions
22 and concerns raised by local officials at the Blaine
23 House Conference on State and Local Relations. Funds
24 to carry out the purposes of this subsection will be
25 appropriated from the General Fund within the Part II
26 Budget.

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