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

No. 839

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7 H.P. 568

House of Representatives, February 28, 1985

8 On Motion of Representative Michaud of Medway, referred to the
9 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Murphy of Kennebunk.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Rice of Stonington, Representative
Conners of Franklin and Representative Salsbury of Bar Harbor.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Authorize the Board of
18 Environmental Protection to Promulgate
19 Experimental Regulations for Certain
20 Nontoxic Solid Waste.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 38 MRSA §1303-C is enacted to read:

25 §1303-C. Nontoxic solid waste; rule-making authority

26 1. Authority. The board may adopt temporary
27 rules relating to handling of solid waste which is
28 natural in origin and which, when blended or pro-
29 cessed mechanically with or without adding naturally
30 occurring materials, is made valuable as a nontoxic
31 soil or food additive. Rules adopted under this sec-
32 tion shall be designed to encourage the utilization
33 of that solid waste.

1 2. Data collection. The department shall study
2 the economic impact and effect on waste management
3 that the rules will have which are adopted under this
4 section. The department shall determine whether
5 rules relating to handling certain solid waste can be
6 less stringent while adequately protecting the public
7 health and safety.

8 3. Sunset. Rules adopted under this section
9 shall become ineffective on June 1, 1986. Any li-
10 censes or approvals given under the authority of
11 rules promulgated under this section shall expire on
12 that day.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 Generators of certain solid wastes, such as
15 chicken manure and fish waste, create waste streams
16 which may have value greater than that of other waste
17 streams. These types of waste are natural in origin.
18 Technology to treat these waste streams, such as
19 anaerobic digestion, has greatly advanced. This bill
20 permits the Board of Environmental Protection to
21 adopt temporary experimental rules to determine
22 whether these waste streams can be handled and pro-
23 cessed under less stringent guidelines, while pro-
24 tecting the public health and safety.

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