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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1051, L.D. 1527, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Extension of the Permit Processing Period for Hydropower Projects."

Amend the bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause (page 1, line 24 in L.D.) the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§635-A." in the first paragraph, in the last 3 lines (page 1, lines 33 to 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~section 344, except that the commissioner may waive the requirements of section 344, only at the request of the applicant~~" and inserting in its place the following: 'section 344, except that, following one extension of up to 45 working days, the commissioner may waive the requirements of section 344, only at the request of the applicant'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§635-A." in the 2nd paragraph in the last 5 lines (page 2, lines 5 to 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~The director may waive the time limit requirements of this section only at the request of the applicant. The time limit requirements may be waived in the manner set out in section 344, subsection 4.~~" and inserting in its place the following: 'The following one extension of up to 45 working days, the director may waive the time limit requirements of this section only at the request of the applicant.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

Sec. 2. Application. Extention of the time limits for processing applications which have been properly filed with the board or the commission before

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1 the effective date of this Act shall be governed by
2 the law in effect at the time the applications were
3 filed.'

4 STATEMENT OF FACT

5 The purpose of this amendment is to allow the
6 Board of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land
7 Use Regulation Commission to extend the time limit
8 for processing applications for hydropower projects
9 for up to 45 days. After that, current law provides
10 that the time limit may be waived only at the request
11 of the applicant.

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