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1 (New Draft of H.P. 1241, L.D. 1751)
2 (New Title)
3 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
4

5 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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7 Legislative Document

No. 2183

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9 H.P. 1546 House of Representatives, March 14, 1986
10 Reported by the Majority from the Committee on Energy and Natural
11 Resources and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill sponsored by
12 Representative Coles of Harpswell. Cosponsored by Senator Kany of
Kennebec, Representative Hoglund of Portland and Representative Holloway
of Edgecomb.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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19 AN ACT Concerning Fees Imposed on the Use of
20 Hazardous Materials.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1319-D, first ¶, as amended by
25 PL 1985, c. 162, §11, is further amended to read:

26 The Maine Hazardous Waste Fund is established to
27 be used by the department as a nonlapsing, revolving
28 fund for carrying out the department's responsibilities
29 under this subchapter. This fund shall not ex-
30 ceed ~~\$600,000~~ \$400,000. All fees, penalties, interest
31 and other charges under this subchapter shall be
32 credited to this fund. This fund shall be charged
33 with the expenses of the department related to this
34 subchapter, including costs of removal or abatement
35 of discharges and costs of the inspection or supervi-
36 sion of hazardous waste activities and hazardous
37 waste handlers.

1 Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1319-I, sub-§3-A is enacted to
2 read:

3 3-A. Fee on certain hazardous materials. Any
4 person who accepts the following materials in a sol-
5 id, semisolid or liquid state and in a quantity ex-
6 ceeding 10,000 pounds per shipment shall pay a fee of
7 0.01¢ per pound:

8 A. Ammonia;

9 B. Chlorine;

10 C. Hydrochloric acid;

11 D. Sodium hydroxide, caustic soda; or

12 E. Sulfuric acid.

13 No fee may be assessed when the hazardous material
14 listed in this subsection is accepted by public water
15 supply facilities or municipal wastewater treatment
16 plants.

17 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 The intent of this new draft is to reduce by 99%
19 the fee on hazardous materials proposed in the origi-
20 nal bill. This new draft also lowers the cap on the
21 Maine Hazardous Waste Fund from \$600,000 to \$400,000
22 in order to further limit the fee burden on Maine in-
23 dustry. An exemption is provided for drinking water
24 and municipal waste treatment uses of the hazardous
25 materials listed.

26 The new draft preserves the intent of the origi-
27 nal bill to improve the state's ability to respond to
28 emergency spills of hazardous wastes and materials.

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