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L.D. 2129

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
113TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1562, L.D. 2129,
Bill, "AN ACT to Prohibit the Release of Dioxins in
any State Rivers, Streams or Lakes."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the
following:

'Sec. 1. 38 MRS A §420-A is enacted to read:

§420-A Dioxin monitoring program

In order to determine the nature of dioxin
contamination in the waters and fisheries of the
State, the department shall conduct a one-year
monitoring program as described in this section.

1. Dioxin defined. As used in this section, the
term "dioxin" means any polychlorinated
dibenzo-para-dioxins, PCDD's, and any polychlorinated
dibenzo-para-furans, PCDF's.

2. Monitoring locations and subjects. The
department shall:

A. Select a representative sample of wastewater
treatment plant sludges from municipal wastewater
treatment plants and bleached pulp mills. These
facilities shall be selected on the basis of known
or likely dioxin contamination of their discharged

1 effluent. The total number of facilities shall
2 not exceed 12;

3 B. Sample and test the sludge of these facilities
4 for dioxin contamination at least once during each
5 season of the year. The department shall specify
6 which cogeners of dioxin will be analyzed; and

7 C. Sample and test for dioxin contamination a
8 selection of fish representative of those species
9 present in the receiving waters. Sufficient
10 numbers of fish will be analyzed to provide a
11 reasonable estimate of the level of contamination
12 in the population of each water body affected.

13 3. Coordination of monitoring. The commissioner
14 shall coordinate the monitoring program established
15 under this section with other dioxin monitoring
16 programs conducted by the department, the United
17 States Environmental Protection Agency or dischargers
18 of wastewater. The commissioner shall seek to
19 integrate the results of these other programs, as
20 relevant, into the reports required by this section.

21 4. Report. The department shall report by
22 December 1, 1990 on the results of the monitoring
23 program to the joint standing committee of the
24 Legislature having jurisdiction over natural
25 resources. The final report shall contain the
26 department's conclusions as to the levels of dioxin
27 contamination in the sample subjects and the likely
28 scope of dioxin contamination in the State's waters.

29 5. Fees assessed. The commissioner shall assess
30 the selected facilities for the costs of sample
31 collection and analysis. Fees received under this
32 section shall be credited to the Maine Environmental
33 Protection Fund. Payment of these fees is a condition
34 of the discharge license issued under this Title for
35 continued operation of the selected facilities.

36 Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are
37 allocated from the Maine Environmental Protection Fund
38 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

