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L.D. 2200

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1609, L.D. 2200,
Bill, "AN ACT to Provide Greater Public Dissemination
of Information Concerning Prohibition of Certain Land
Usages."

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Further amend the bill by striking out all of
section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 38 MRSA c. 23 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 23

INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLETS

§1951. Informational pamphlet

The commissioner shall prepare and print an
informational pamphlet which, in clear and concise
language, abstracts state law and rules regulating:

1. Phosphorus or phosphates. The introduction of
phosphorus or phosphates into the environment;

2. Cutting. The cutting of brush and timber; and

3. Other topics. Any other related topics which,

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1 in the judgment of the commissioner, would contribute
2 to greater public understanding of natural processes
3 and environmental law.

4 §1952. Dissemination

5 The commissioner shall ensure that copies of the
6 pamphlet are available upon request to members of the
7 general public. The Board of Environmental Protection
8 shall distribute a copy of the pamphlet to any person
9 who seeks a permit pursuant to this Title. The
10 commissioner shall supply copies of the pamphlet to
11 the Real Estate Commission, realtors, local code
12 enforcement officers, licensed plumbing inspectors,
13 municipal officers and other parties as the
14 commissioner may designate. The municipality shall
15 make the pamphlet supplied by the department readily
16 available to members of the public within their
17 jurisdictions. Any person may reprint and distribute
18 the pamphlet with acknowledgement of its source.

19 §1953. Review and update

20 The commissioner shall annually review the
21 information contained in the pamphlet and update and
22 reprint the pamphlet as necessitated by changes in the
23 law or rules.'

24 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections
25 to read consecutively.

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

27 The amendment deletes portions of the bill
28 mandating the distribution of informational pamphlets
29 through the registers of deeds. Instead, the
30 Commissioner of Environmental Protection is charged
31 with distributing the pamphlet to a wide range of
32 people, including real estate agents, municipal
33 officers and various local land use officials. The
34 potential subject matter to be included in the
35 pamphlet is also broadened.

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