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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative BEGLEY of Waldoboro.

Cosponsored by Representatives LORD of Waterboro, MAYO of
Thomaston, and Senator LUDWIG of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

1 AN ACT to Provide Greater Public
2 Dissemination of Information Concerning
3 Prohibition of Certain Land Usages.
4

5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §612 is enacted to read:

1 §612. Distribution of material

2 The registers of deeds shall distribute to every
3 grantee or devisee of real property a copy of the
4 informational pamphlet pursuant to Title 38, chapter
5 23, at the time of the transfer of property. The
6 register may assess any actual costs incurred in the
7 distribution.

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

9 CHAPTER 23

10 INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLETS

11 §1951. Definitions

12 As used in this chapter, unless the context
13 otherwise indicates, the following terms have the
14 following meanings.

15 1. Board. "Board" means the Board of
16 Environmental Protection.

17 2. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the
18 Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

19 §1952. Informational pamphlet

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

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

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

26 §1953. Dissemination

27 The commissioner shall ensure that copies of the
28 pamphlet are available upon request to members of the
29 general public. The board shall distribute a copy of
30 the pamphlet to any person who seeks authorization
31 from the board to develop pursuant to this Title. The

1 commissioner shall supply adequate copies of the
2 pamphlet to registers of deeds to be distributed
3 pursuant to Title 33, section 612, and to municipal
4 officers. Municipal officers shall distribute a copy
5 of the pamphlet to any person who seeks a permit under
6 an ordinance enacted pursuant to Title 30, section
7 2151, subsection 4.

8 §1954. Review and update

9 The commissioner shall annually review the
10 information contained in the pamphlet and update and
11 reprint the pamphlet as necessitated by changes in
12 the law or rules.

13 Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are
14 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
15 purposes of this Act.

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17 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
18 DEPARTMENT OF

19 Administration - Environmental
20 Protection

21 All Other \$4,700

22 Provides funds to
23 prepare and print
24 informational
25 pamphlet on
26 environmental laws
27 and rules per the
28 Maine State Revised
29 Statutes, Title 38,
30 chapter 23.

31 STATEMENT OF FACT

32 This bill requires the Department of Environmental
33 Protection to have printed a pamphlet of all state
34 laws and rules regarding the introduction of
35 phosphorus or phosphates into the environment and
36 brush and timber cutting. This pamphlet must be in
37 clear, easy-to-understand language.

1 The pamphlets would then be distributed to any
2 person who applies for a permit to build or develop
3 and to any grantee of real estate for transactions
4 occurring after the effective date of the bill.

5 The bill also requires an annual review by the
6 department and an update of the pamphlet when
7 necessary. The appropriation is for the following
8 estimated costs:

9 \$1,000 for printing 20,000 copies;

10 \$500 for mailing list and distribution; and

11 \$3,200 for writing and research.

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