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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1850 House of Representatives, March 16, 1988  
Reported by Representative MICHAUD from the Committee on  
Energy and Natural Resources and printed under Joint Rule 2.  
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Original bill sponsored by Representative COLES of  
Harpwell. Cosponsored by Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec,  
Representatives HOLLOWAY of Edgecomb and MICHAUD of East  
Millinocket.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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1                   **AN ACT to Develop a Plan to Minimize and**  
2                   **Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste.**  
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4           **Emergency preamble.**       Whereas, Acts of the  
5 Legislature do not become effective until 90 days  
6 after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

7           Whereas, hazardous wastes generated by households  
8 pose a serious threat to the State's air and water  
9 quality; and

1       Whereas, existing collection and disposal systems  
2 are completely inadequate to handle these wastes; and

3       Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these  
4 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the  
5 Constitution of Maine and require the following  
6 legislation as immediately necessary for the  
7 preservation of the public peace, health and safety;  
8 now, therefore,

9 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
10 follows:

11       Sec. 1. PL 1987, c. 491, §27 is amended to read:

12       Sec. 27.           Authorization       for       program  
13 development.       The Legislature authorizes the  
14 Department of Environmental Protection to shall  
15 develop a program plan to assist persons who generate  
16 up to 1,000 kilograms of hazardous waste in a calendar  
17 month, including household hazardous waste, in  
18 minimizing the generation of hazardous waste and  
19 developing economical methods of properly collecting,  
20 transporting and disposing of their hazardous waste.

21       The department shall include recommendations for  
22 additional legislative authority and appropriations,  
23 when necessary, to carry out its proposed program.  
24 The program plan shall be completed and submitted to  
25 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
26 jurisdiction over natural resources by January 1  
27 April 15, 1989, and shall include:

28       1. Survey. A survey of businesses and public  
29 institutions which utilize some form of hazardous  
30 waste recycling, chemical substitution or other waste  
31 minimization methods;

32       2. Assessment. An assessment of practical  
33 recycling or waste minimization methods that may be  
34 available to businesses and public institutions;

35       3. Transportation. Methods by which persons  
36 generating up to 1,000 kilograms of hazardous waste in

1 a calendar month may reduce transportation costs for  
2 disposal through cooperative or cost-sharing practices;

3 3-A. Household hazardous waste. An analysis of  
4 the problem of household hazardous waste, including,  
5 without limitation, the estimated volume and nature of  
6 this waste and geographic, political, economic and  
7 other factors which would influence the development of  
8 a workable, cost-effective and environmentally sound  
9 solution to this problem. The department shall  
10 examine the experience of other states in developing  
11 this analysis;

12 3-B. Household hazardous waste options. An  
13 assessment of disposal options and available recycling  
14 or waste minimization methods for household hazardous  
15 waste generators;

16 3-C. Pilot program. Implementation and  
17 evaluation of a pilot program for the collection and  
18 disposal of household hazardous waste;

19 3-D. Public education. An assessment of a public  
20 education program for generators of household  
21 hazardous waste;

22 4. Regional collection. The feasibility of  
23 establishing a regional collection or transfer  
24 facility networks statewide for persons generating up  
25 to 1,000 kilograms of hazardous waste in a calendar  
26 month and for persons generating household hazardous  
27 waste, with facilities being owned, operated and  
28 serviced by the public sector or private industry; and

29 5. Directory. A directory of hazardous waste  
30 generators in the State compiled by geographic regions  
31 and Maine-licensed hazardous waste transporters who  
32 serve those regions.

33 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are  
34 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the  
35 purposes of this Act.

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1 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,  
2 DEPARTMENT OF

3 Bureau of Oil and Hazardous  
4 Materials Control

5	Positions	(1)
6	Personal Services	\$18,824
7	All Other	29,000
8	Capital Expenditures	750

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10 Total \$48,574

11 The purpose of this  
12 appropriation is to  
13 augment the allocation  
14 made pursuant to  
15 Public Law 1987,  
16 chapter 491, section  
17 29. The additional  
18 funding is supplied to  
19 expand the study  
20 effort to cover  
21 household hazardous  
22 wastes. A project  
23 position is  
24 authorized. Funds are  
25 also provided in the  
26 All Other category for  
27 a pilot scale  
28 collection program for  
29 household hazardous  
30 waste.

31 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency  
32 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when  
33 approved.

34 STATEMENT OF FACT

35 The purpose of this new draft is to better  
36 coordinate the study envisioned in the original bill

1 with a similar study authorized by the Legislature in  
2 1987. The new draft provides for a study of hazardous  
3 wastes generated by small businesses and by  
4 households. The Department of Environmental  
5 Protection will conduct a pilot scale collection and  
6 disposal program for household hazardous waste. The  
7 study deadline is slightly extended and additional  
8 funds are provided to address the new subject areas in  
9 household hazardous waste.

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