

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

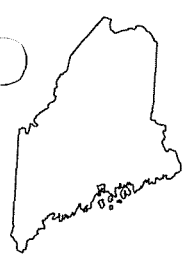
Presented by Representative JOSEPH of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Representative JACQUES of Waterville, Representative MICHAUD of East Millinocket and Representative LORD of Waterboro.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Concerning The Siting of Solid Waste Transfer Stations.



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

3 Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1303, sub-§11-C is enacted to read:

5 11-C. Transfer station. "Transfer station" means any
7 facility constructed and operated for the temporary storage or
9 processing of solid waste. This term does not include
11 incineration facilities.

13 Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1310-N, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

15 8. Siting of solid waste transfer stations. The board may
17 issue a license for a solid waste transfer station only after
19 consideration of alternative sites within the geographic region
21 to be served by the station and alternative station
23 configurations. The board shall require the applicant to submit,
25 as part of the license application, an analysis of alternative
27 feasible sites and station configurations.

29 The board shall find that the provisions of subsection 1,
31 paragraph A are satisfied for the licensing of a solid waste
33 transfer station when the applicant demonstrates that the
35 applicant's proposed alternative minimizes risks of detrimental
37 effects on public health, welfare and the environment. Without
39 limiting the scope of the board's authority to examine waste
41 facilities, the board shall specifically consider the potential
43 impacts of the proposed transfer station on existing drinking
45 water supplies in the vicinity of the proposed facility, the
47 local transportation system, property values in the vicinity of
49 the proposed station and any other factors relevant to the
51 evaluation of a solid waste transfer facility.

The board shall establish, as a condition of any license for a
solid waste transfer facility, designated transportation routes
for the transport of solid waste to and from the proposed station
in quantities exceeding 20,000 pounds. Applications for
expansions of existing solid waste transfer facilities are
subject to the provisions of this subsection.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require the consideration of alternative sites during the licensing proceedings for any new or expanded solid waste transfer station. This bill specifically authorizes the Board of Environmental Protection to require the applicant to submit an analysis of alternative sites for the proposed station and alternative station configurations. This bill also directs the board to examine impacts on drinking water, road systems and property values in addition to the factors considered in licensing all waste facilities. Finally, the bill

1 directs the board to designate hauling routes for large
quantities of solid waste to and from the proposed facility.
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