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L.D. 500

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 369, L.D. 500, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, hospital waste that is stored on site for decay within 3 years and is not shipped out of state should be exempt from the assessment for funding the administrative costs of the Low-level Radioactive Waste Commission; and

Whereas, assessments for hospitals are due in June; and

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

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

**38 MRSA §1534-A, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

3. Fee exemptions. Generators shall be exempt from the service fee assessed pursuant to subsection 1 if the generator generates the following types of low-level radioactive waste:

A. Waste which is authorized by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission as of January 1, 1989, for disposal without regard to radioactivity;

1           B. Waste which is authorized by the United States Nuclear  
3           Regulatory Commission to be stored for up to 3 years at the  
          site of generation for decay and ultimate disposal without  
          regard to radioactivity; and

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          C. Radioactive waste or other material, including, but not  
7           limited to, sealed radioactive sources, which is returned to  
          the vendor.

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

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

17           This amendment clarifies that hospitals that do not ship  
          their wastes out of Maine are exempt from assessments to pay  
19           administrative costs for the Low-level Radioactive Waste  
          Authority.

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