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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "**A**" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 533,
L.D. 718, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Governor's Study to
Regain Full Use of Maine's Class C Rivers"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the
title and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and
inserting in its place the following:

'An Act to Regain Full Use of Maine's Rivers Through the
Establishment of Color Standards by the Board of Environmental
Protection'

Further amend the bill by striking everything after the
enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in
its place the following:

'38 MRSA §464, sub-§§7 and 8 are enacted to read:

7. Color standards; board establishes. On or before
February 1, 1990, the board shall adopt, by rule, standards
governing the increase in color of any water body caused by
individual waste water discharges and the cumulative impact of
all waste water discharges on a water body. The board shall base
its decision on the best information available to it from any
source. The board shall adopt standards which allow the
attainment of all designated uses of classified Maine waters.
The board shall submit the adopted rules to the joint standing
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural
resource matters for review on or before February 1, 1990. The
board shall submit along with the adopted rules the full factual
basis for its decision. The committee may report to the
Legislature any legislation regarding color standards as it finds
necessary.

8. Time schedule for color standard compliance;
rulemaking. Except as provided in paragraph A, every person,
firm, corporation or other entity discharging to Maine waters

1 shall comply with the color standards established under
2 subsection 7, by July 1, 1992.

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4 A. The board may establish a schedule for compliance with
5 the provisions of this subsection for waste water discharges
6 licensed and in existence prior to July 1, 1989. The
7 schedule shall be as short as possible. The board may
8 establish interim and final dates for compliance. The
9 board shall base the schedule on a consideration of:

11 (1) The technological feasibility and economic impact
12 of the steps necessary for compliance; and

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14 (2) The impact of the discharge on the existing and
15 designated uses of the receiving waters.' '

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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20 The purpose of this amendment is to require the Board of
21 Environmental Protection to adopt rules governing the impact of
22 waste water discharges on water color. The board is directed to
23 submit its adopted rules to the Legislature by February 1, 1990.

24 A compliance deadline of July 1, 1992 is established for the
25 standards adopted by the board. The board is authorized to adopt
26 compliance schedule extensions beyond this date based on its
27 examination of the technological, economic and environmental
28 costs and benefits of implementing the color standards.

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