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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE 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.

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

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