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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 747, L.D. 1030, Bill, "An Act to Reclassify Surface Waters of the State"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in subparagraph (3) by adding at the end the following: 'This subparagraph is repealed on January 1, 1992.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph D in subparagraph (3) by striking out the following: "Class C" and inserting in its place the following: 'Class B'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 in paragraph A by striking out all of subparagraphs (7) and (8) and inserting in their place the following:

'(7) From the Fairfield-Skowhegan boundary to its confluence with Messalonskee Stream - Class C.

(8) From its confluence with Messalonskee Stream to the Sidney-Augusta boundary - Class B.

(9) From the Sidney-Augusta boundary to the Father John J. Curran Bridge in Augusta - Class C.

(10) From the Father John J. Curran Bridge in Augusta to a line drawn across the tidal estuary of the Kennebec River due east of Abagadasset Point - Class C. Further, the Legislature finds that the free-flowing habitat of this river segment provides irreplaceable social and economic benefits and that this use shall be maintained.

(11) From a line drawn across the tidal estuary of the Kennebec River due east of Abagadasset Point, to a line across the southwesterly area of Merrymeeting Bay formed by an extension of the Brunswick-Bath boundary across the bay in a northwesterly direction to the westerly shore of Merrymeeting Bay and to a line drawn

1 from Chop Point in Woolwich to West Chop Point in Bath
2 - Class B. Further, the Legislature finds that the
3 free-flowing habitat of this river segment provides
4 irreplaceable social and economic benefits and that
5 this use shall be maintained.'

7 Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 in
8 paragraph D in subparagraph (2) by inserting after division (b)
9 the following:

11 '(c) Spenser Stream - Class B.'

13 Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 in
14 paragraph I in subparagraph (2) in the 2nd line (page 6, line 13
15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the Chops" and
16 inserting in its place the following: 'a line drawn across the
17 tidal estuary of the Kennebec River due east of Abagadasset Point'

19 Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 in
20 paragraph I by adding at the end the following:

21 '(5) Austin Stream and its tributaries above the
22 highway bridge of Route 201 in the Town of Bingham -
23 Class A.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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31 This amendment incorporates changes in the water quality
32 classification of Merrymeeting Bay as recommended by the Board of
33 Environmental Protection and makes several changes which have the
34 effect of retaining the existing classifications of several other
35 water bodies, including Sabbatus River, Spenser Stream and Austin
36 Stream.

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38 The amendment also provides for the repeal of certain
39 classification language for Gulf Island Pond on the Androscoggin
40 River on January 1, 1992.

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