

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 19, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative NUTTING of Leeds.

Cosponsored by Senator KANY of Kennebec, Representative AULT of Wayne and Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Establish Requirements for Monitoring the State's Waters.



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

3 38 MRSA §425-A is enacted to read:

5 §425-A. Water monitoring

7 In order to monitor the waters of the State, the department
9 shall conduct, in addition to routine daytime monitoring, weekend
11 and night monitoring and unscheduled and unannounced inspections
13 to ensure compliance with effluent limitations and other license
15 and legal requirements affecting the State's waters. Waters and
17 facilities to be monitored may be selected randomly or on the
19 basis of previous or likely violations of licensed discharge
21 limitations or other state water quality laws.

23 Where the department identifies violations of water quality
25 laws or waste discharge license limits that pose a significant
27 and immediate risk to public health, the commissioner shall
29 notify the Department of Human Services and local health
31 officials of those conditions.

STATEMENT OF FACT

25 This bill is to ensure that Maine's rivers have improved
27 water quality in the future by providing monitoring and
29 inspection during nighttime, weekends and unannounced periods.
31 According to the Department of Environmental Protection, the
monitoring and inspection program envisioned here will be limited
to no more than an additional 5% of the department's annual water
quality monitoring and inspection services.