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Presented by Representative LEBOWITZ of Bangor. Cosponsored by Representative LISNIK of Presque Isle, Senator PERKINS of Hancock and Representative GARLAND of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act Regarding Sludge Dewatering.

(EMERGENCY)



Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and 4 Whereas, prudent and efficient wastewater treatment is of primary importance to the continuing viability of this State and б its citizens; and 8 Whereas, difficult sludge constitutes particularly а 10 wastewater treatment problem; and Whereas, the Legislature encourages the development of new 12 processes to treat commercial and residential sludge; and 14 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 16 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 18 safety; now, therefore, 20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 22 Sec. 1. Administration. The Maine Research and Productivity 24 Center shall administer a grant or interest-free loan program for an industrial demonstration of the Young Sludge Dewatering Filter. 26 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated 28 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act. 30 1989-90 32 MAINE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION 34 **Maine Research and Productivity Center** All Other \$200,000 36 38 Provides funds for the administration of a grant or interest-free loan program for an 40 industrial demonstration of the Young Sludge Dewatering Filter. 42 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the 44 preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved. 46

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides funds by grant or interest-free loan to establish an industrial demonstration of a new sludge dewatering process that converts sludge into burnable chips that are a usable energy source. This project will be administered by the Maine Science and Technology Commission.

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