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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative TREAT of Gardiner. Cosponsored by Senator TITCOMB of Cumberland, Representative FARNSWORTH of Hallowell and Senator BOST of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Restructure Environmental Tax Credits.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 2 Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §655, sub-§1, ¶N, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 592, §13, is amended to read: 4 6 Water pollution control facilities and air pollution N. control facilities as defined in section 656, subsection 1, 8 paragraph E. This exemption does not apply to any equipment purchased, used or installed as a result of any court order, 10 consent decree or consent agreement approved by the Board of Environmental Protection; 12 Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§29, as amended by PL 1989, c. 890, 14 Pt. A, \$10 and affected by \$40, is further amended to read: 16 29. Water pollution control facilities. Sales of any water pollution control facility, certified as such by the Commissioner 18 of Environmental Protection, and any part or accessories thereof, or any materials for the construction, repair or maintenance of a 20 facility. This exemption does not apply to any equipment purchased, used or installed as a result of any court order, 22 consent decree or consent agreement approved by the Board of Environmental Protection. 24 used in this subsection, unless the context otherwise As 26 indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. "Disposal system" means any system used primarily for 28 Α. disposing of or isolating industrial or other waste and includes thickeners, incinerators, pipelines or conduits, 30 pumping stations, force mains and all other constructions, devices, appurtenances and facilities used for collecting or 32 conducting water borne industrial or other waste to a point of disposal, treatment or isolation, except that which is 34 necessary to the manufacture of products. 36 "Facility" means any disposal system or any treatment в. appliance, equipment, machinery, installation or 38 works, structures installed, acquired or placed in operation primarily for the purpose of reducing, controlling or 40 eliminating water pollution caused by industrial or other 42 waste, except septic tanks and the pipelines and leach fields connected or appurtenant thereto. 44 "Industrial waste" means any liquid, gaseous or solid с. waste substance capable of polluting the waters of the State 46 and resulting from any process, or the development of any process, of industry or manufacture. 48

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D. "Treatment works" means any plant, pumping station, reservoir or other works used primarily for the purpose of

treating, stabilizing, isolating or holding industrial or other waste.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§30, as amended by PL 1989, c. 890, Pt. A, §11 and affected by §40, is further amended to read:

30. Air pollution control facilities. Sale of any air
pollution control facility, certified as such by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, and any part or accessories thereof,
or any materials for the construction, repair or maintenance thereof. This exemption does not apply to any equipment
purchased, used or installed as a result of any court order, consent decree or consent agreement approved by the Board of Environmental Protection.

As used in this subsection, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Facility" means any appliance, equipment, machinery, installation or structures installed, acquired or placed in operation primarily for the purpose of reducing, controlling, eliminating or disposing of industrial or other air pollutants.

Facilities such as air conditioners, dust collectors, fans and similar facilities designed, constructed or installed solely for the benefit of the person for whom installed or the personnel of such person, and facilities designed or installed for the reduction or control of automobile exhaust emissions shall <u>may</u> not be deemed air pollution control facilities for purposes of this subsection.

STATEMENT OF FACT

36 This bill eliminates the property and sales exemptions on pollution control equipment if the equipment is installed because 38 of a court order or a consent decree or agreement approved by the Board of Environmental Protection.

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