

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 631

S.P. 240

In Senate, February 14, 1991

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot

Cosponsored by Representative GOULD of Greenville, Representative HUSSEY of Milo and Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Ease Municipal Solid Waste Costs.

(EMERGENCY)



Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

Whereas, tipping fees and other solid waste costs are
increasing; and

Whereas, municipal revenue-sharing funds are decreasing; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

38 MRSa §2201, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 585, Pt. A,
§7, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The portion of the money in the fund not needed to meet the
current obligations of the agency must be distributed annually
among the municipalities and credited toward partial payment of
municipal solid waste management costs. The joint standing
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and
natural resource matters shall determine annually, after
consulting with the Maine Waste Management Agency and a
representative of municipal government selected jointly by the
chairs of that committee, that portion of the money to be
distributed among the municipalities. The funds must be
distributed to the municipalities based on each municipality's
need and an equitable and effective apportionment of revenues
between State Government and local government.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires that any surplus in the administration
account of the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund be returned to
the municipalities, based on need and an equitable sharing of
revenues between State Government and local government.