

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 20, 1991

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

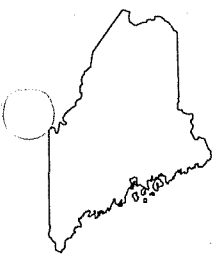
Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsored by Representative MICHAUD of East Millinocket, Representative POWERS of Coplin Plantation and Senator KANY of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Amend the Law Pertaining to the State's Contribution to
Pollution Abatement.**



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

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4 38 MRSA §411, first ¶, as affected by PL 1989, c. 890, Pt. A, §40 and amended by Pt. B, §24, is further amended to read:

6 The commissioner may pay an amount not to exceed 80% of the
8 expense of a municipal or quasi-municipal pollution abatement
10 construction program or a pollution abatement construction
12 program in an unorganized township or plantation authorized by
14 the county commissioners. The commissioner may make payments to
16 the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to supply the State's share of the
18 revolving loan fund established by Title 30-A, section 6006-A.
20 The commissioner may pay up to 90% of the expense of a municipal
22 or quasi-municipal pollution abatement construction program or a
24 pollution abatement construction program in an unorganized
26 township or plantation authorized by the county commissioners in
28 which the construction cost of the project does not exceed
30 \$100,000 as long as total expenditures for the small projects do
32 not exceed \$1,000,000 in any fiscal year and not more than one
34 grant is made to any applicant each year, except that the
36 commissioner may pay up to 50% of the expense of individual
38 projects serving ~~seasonal dwellings or commercial establishments~~
40 or up to 25% of the expense of individual projects serving
42 seasonal dwellings. ~~The application for a grant under this~~
44 ~~paragraph for a project serving a single family dwelling,~~
46 ~~including outbuildings, or a single commercial establishment,~~
48 ~~must include a signed statement of the financial condition of the~~
50 ~~owner of the single family dwelling or commercial establishment~~
52 ~~describing the need for the grant. That statement becomes part~~
 ~~of the application record and no further evidence of need is~~
 ~~required.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

34 Under the current law governing state contributions to
36 pollution abatement projects, the Department of Environmental
38 Protection is permitted to pay up to 50% of the expense of
40 individual projects serving seasonal dwellings or commercial
42 establishments. Current law requires that applicants for grants
44 for projects serving single-family dwellings or single commercial
46 establishments include a signed statement of financial condition
48 describing the need for the grant.

44 This bill amends the law to permit the department to pay up
46 to 50% of the expense of individual projects serving commercial
48 establishments or up to 25% of the expense of individual projects
50 serving seasonal dwellings. These percentages are consistent
52 with the state contributions to residential overboard discharge
 replacement projects set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes,
 Title 38, section 411-A. This bill also removes the requirement
 that applicants for grants for such projects provide signed
 statements of financial condition describing the need for the
 grant.