

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 918

H.P. 644

House of Representatives, March 1, 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

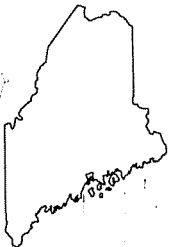
Presented by Representative LORD of Waterboro.

Cosponsored by Senator LUDWIG of Aroostook, Senator THERIAULT of Aroostook and Representative GOULD of Greenville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Relating to the Computation of Flow for Wastewater Discharges.



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

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38 MRSA §464, sub-§4, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 698, §15,
is amended to read:

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D. ~~For~~ Except as provided in this paragraph, for the purpose of computing whether a discharge will violate the classification of any river or stream, the assimilative capacity of the river or stream shall must be computed using the minimum 7-day low flow which can be expected to occur with a frequency of once in 10 years. When the environmental or health effects of a pollutant are determined over a period longer than 7 days, the assimilative capacity of the river or stream must be computed using an alternative flow rate that is consistent with the risk being addressed.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to allow flexibility in selecting the most appropriate flow rate for any given pollutant.