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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 447, L.D. 1191, Bill, "An Act to Amend the State Ground Water Classification System and Implement the Maine Wellhead Protection Program for the Protection of Public Water System Wellheads"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Facilitate the Adoption of a Maine Wellhead Protection Program for the Protection of Public Water System Wellheads'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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

Whereas, the State lacks a coordinated approach to protecting public water system wellheads; and

Whereas, the Maine Wellhead Protection Program as developed under the requirements of the 1986 amendments to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency may offer a coordinated protection approach and needs to be further developed; 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:

Sec. 1. Maine Wellhead Protection Program. By February 15, 1993, the Department of Human Services, Division of Health Engineering shall report to the joint standing committee of the

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resource matters on
a proposed program and rules for implementing the Maine Wellhead
4 Protection Program designed to protect public water system
wellheads from contaminants that may have an adverse effect on
6 public health, as required under the 1986 amendments to the
federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The Department of Human
Services, Division of Health Engineering also shall introduce
8 legislation to implement this program.

10 In developing this program and the proposed rules, the
division must work with and receive advice from representatives
12 from water suppliers, municipalities, summer camps, businesses,
the scientific community and other affected parties.

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

18 **FISCAL NOTE**

20 The Department of Human Services, Division of Health
22 Engineering will absorb the costs associated with submitting a
report and implementing legislation to the Legislature on the
24 components and requirements of a wellhead protection program
within its available resources.'

26 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

28 This amendment replaces the original bill to require the
30 Department of Human Services, Division of Health Engineering to
32 report to the Legislature on the components and requirements of
the Maine Wellhead Protection Program required under federal
34 law. The department is also required to introduce legislation to
implement that program. The department is required to work with
36 affected and interested parties in developing this program. The
amendment also adds a fiscal note.

38 Reported by Senator Ludwig for the Committee on Energy
and Natural Resources.

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