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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SPEAR of Nobleboro.

Cosponsored by Representative LORD of Waterboro, Representative BAILEY of Farmington and Senator BEGLEY of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Concerning Fees Imposed by the Department of Environmental Protection Regarding Hazardous Waste.



	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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	Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §2311, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1991, c. 520,
4	$\S 22$, is further amended to read:
6	1. Hazardous waste generators. All owners or operators of
	facilities that generate hazardous waste other than households
8	and agricultural activities shall register annually with the commissioner. Registration forms and the accompanying fee, if
10	required, are due to the commissioner by March 1, 1991 and
	annually thereafter. For facilities that generate 100 kilograms
1.2	or more of hazardous waste in a calendar month for more than 3
	months of the year, the fee is \$100 per facility. For all other
14	generators, except as provided in subsection 1-A, the fee is \$50
	per facility.
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	Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §2311, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:
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	1-A. Exemption. The fee established in subsection 1 for
20	hazardous waste generators who do not generate 100 kilograms or
	more of hazardous waste in a calendar month for more than 3
22	months of the year is waived for a facility in which the only
	hazardous wastes generated are solvents that are used exclusively
24	in a cleaning sink. For the purposes of this subsection, a
2.6	cleaning sink is a sink:
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2.0	A. In which solvents are used to clean engine parts or
28	other materials;
30	B. That is attached to a drum or other container in such a
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- B. That is attached to a drum or other container in such a manner that the solvent flows directly from the sink to the container; and
- C. That is located in a facility whose operator has a contract or other binding agreement with the vendor of the solvent used in the cleaning sink to remove the drum or other container from the facility for disposal.

Waiver of the fee under this subsection does not exempt the facility or its owners or operators from the registration requirement of subsection 1.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill exempts a facility that generates small amounts of hazardous waste from the \$50 registration fee required by current law if the only hazardous wastes generated at the facility are solvents used in cleaning sinks. Cleaning sinks are sinks connected to drums or other containers into which the used solvent flows and that are taken away for disposal by the vendor

of the solvent. Cleaning sinks are frequently used in auto repair facilities to clean grease and oil from engine parts.

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