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S.P. 76

In Senate, January 26, 1993

**An Act to Amend Certain Laws Affecting Waste Discharges by
Quasi-municipal Agencies.**

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 DUTREMBLE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative CARON of Biddeford and
Senator CARPENTER of York, Representative MURPHY of Berwick.

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

4 Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §466, sub-§9-B, as amended by PL 1987, c. 419,
§11, is further amended to read:

6 9-B. Quasi-municipal. "Quasi-municipal" means any form of
ownership and management by a governmental unit embracing a
8 portion of a municipality, a single municipality or several
municipalities which that is created by law to deliver public
10 waste water treatment services, or by a university or college
12 providing waste water treatment for its facilities or related
entities, but which that is not a state governmental unit.

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16 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

18 Currently, the University of New England in Biddeford
operates a private waste water treatment facility, there being no
20 public sewer facilities available in the area. The university
faces a threat to its future growth because the overboard
22 discharge law as currently drafted would prohibit the university
from increasing the volume of its licensed discharge in
24 connection with planned construction of the new classrooms,
laboratories and residences needed to accommodate its growing
26 enrollment.

28 Recognizing that the waste water treatment services offered
by the university are in many ways similar to services offered by
30 publicly owned treatment works, this bill makes clear that the
university enjoys quasi-municipal status for purposes of the
32 overboard discharge law. In no way does this proposal reduce the
overboard discharge standards. Any increase in the overboard
34 discharge license of the university still must be in compliance
with state and federal laws and rules.

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