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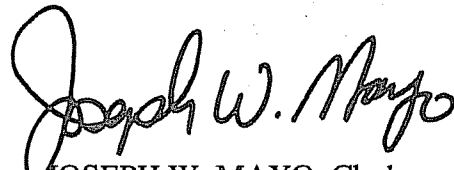
No. 225

H.P. 173

House of Representatives, February 1, 1993

An Act Regarding Dam Registration Fees.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WENTWORTH of Arundel.
Cosponsored by Representatives: JACQUES of Waterville, LORD of Waterboro, MICHAUD of East Millinocket.

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

4 Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §830, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1991, c. 591,
Pt. E, §38, is repealed.

6 Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §830, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 591,
Pt. E, §39, is repealed.

8 Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §830, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

10 2-B. Registration fee. The board shall establish a
12 schedule of annual registration fees by rule. The board shall
14 base this schedule on the economic value to the dam owner of the
16 mechanical or electrical power generated at a hydropower project
18 from the water stored at the dam irrespective of the geographic
20 location of the generating equipment. The board may consider
22 other sources of economic value accruing to the dam owner in
24 establishing the fee schedule including recreational, water
26 supply and water quality benefits. The minimum annual
28 registration fee is \$10. For the purposes of this subsection,
30 the term "hydropower project" is as defined under section 632.

STATEMENT OF FACT

26 This bill repeals the current fee schedule for the annual
28 registration of dams and directs the Board of Environmental
30 Protection to adopt a new schedule based on the economic value to
the dam owner of the power generated from water stored at the dam.