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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 151, L.D. 483, Bill, "An Act to Ensure Uniformity in Gasoline Octane Levels"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after section 2 and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §2402, sub-§19 is enacted to read:

19. Octane measure. Conduct random tests of gasoline offered for sale for consistency with the stated octane level.

Sec. 4. Pilot test program; report. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall conduct a pilot program to test gasoline for consistency with the stated octane level. The department shall report the results of these random tests to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture no later than March 1, 1994 to assist the committee in determining the extent to which the testing program needs to be broadened or made permanent.

All octane ratings must be based on Section D 439 - D 4814 of the Standards Manual of the American Society of Testing and Materials, as accepted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology and must be determined by the American Society of Testing and Materials standard test methods D 2699 and D 2700. In the enforcement of this section, the department shall recognize variations in the test results for octane ratings within the National Institute of Standards and Technology reproducibility limits. The department may not issue a violation notice under this testing program for failure to meet a certified or posted octane rating unless the laboratory test results are:

2 A. More than 7/10 octane less than the certified or posted
octane rating for octane ratings of less than 89; or

4 B. More than 6/10 octane less than the certified or posted
octane rating for octane ratings of 89 or greater.

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8 **Sec. 5. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the
Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

10 1993-94

12 **AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND
RURAL RESOURCES**

14 **Public Services - Agriculture**

16 All Other \$17,000

18 Provides an allocation for a pilot test
20 program to test and sample gasoline octane
levels.

22 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
24 FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES**
26 **TOTAL** \$17,000

28 **FISCAL NOTE**

30 1993-94

32 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

34 Highway Fund \$17,000

36 The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will
38 require an additional Highway Fund allocation of \$17,000 in
40 fiscal year 1993-94 for a pilot test program to test and sample
gasoline octane levels.'

42 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

44 The amendment requires the Department of Agriculture, Food
46 and Rural Resources to conduct a pilot program to test gasoline
48 to determine whether it contains the octane level that is posted
or certified. The pilot program will be funded by the Highway
Fund. The amendment also replaces the allocation section and
adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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Reported by Senator Paradis for the Committee on Agriculture.
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