

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1993

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**No. 1176**

H.P. 867

House of Representatives, April 5, 1993

**An Act to Determine the Direct Economic Costs of Implementation of Environmental Regulations.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDERSON of Woodland, LORD of Waterboro, TRACY of Rome, Senators: CIANCHETTE of Somerset, DUTREMBLE of York, LUDWIG of Aroostook.

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

4 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §8052, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

6 9. Economic analysis. For rules adopted by the Department  
7 of Environmental Protection, the Department of Economic and  
8 Community Development shall prepare an economic analysis, at  
9 least 15 days before the scheduled public hearing, for each  
10 proposed rule.

11 A. The economic analysis must contain:

12 (1) An estimate of the total direct economic costs  
13 accruing to businesses in the State if the proposed  
14 rule is adopted;

15 (2) An estimate of the total direct economic costs  
16 accruing to municipalities in the State if the proposed  
17 rule is adopted;

18 (3) An estimate of the average direct economic costs  
19 accruing to a small business if the proposed rule is  
20 adopted; and

21 (4) An estimate of the average direct economic costs  
22 accruing to a municipality of 2,000 inhabitants if the  
23 proposed rule is adopted.

24 B. The Department of Environmental Protection shall provide  
25 the Department of Economic and Community Development copies  
26 of each proposed rule at the same time the rule is posted  
27 for public hearing.

28 C. The Department of Economic and Community Development  
29 shall prepare its economic analysis by drawing upon  
30 information provided by the Department of Environmental  
31 Protection, information provided by businesses and  
32 municipalities potentially affected by the proposed rule and  
33 nationally available data bases.

34 D. The Department of Economic and Community Development  
35 shall make the economic analysis required by this subsection  
36 public and available upon request to any party at least 15  
37 days before the scheduled public hearing of the proposed  
38 rule.

39 As used in this subsection, "small business" has the same meaning  
40 as in subsection 5-A and "direct economic cost" means total  
41 expenditures, over the lifetime of an investment, equivalent to  
42 all capital operating expenditures.

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## STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill requires the Department of Economic and Community Development to prepare an economic analysis of every rule proposed by the Department of Environmental Protection.