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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1002, L.D. 1348, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Time Frame in Which the Board of Environmental Protection Is to Establish a Numeric Water Quality Criterion for Dioxin"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Prohibit the Board of Environmental Protection from Adopting a Numeric Water Quality Criterion Prior to January 1, 1994'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §420, sub-§2, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. Notwithstanding paragraphs D and G, the board may not adopt any numeric water quality criteria for, or acceptable level of additional cancer risk from exposure to, 2, 3, 7, 8 - tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin prior to January 1, 1994.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment prohibits the Board of Environmental Protection from adopting all or any part of a water quality criterion that would regulate dioxin in the waters of this State prior to January 1, 1994. The Legislature believes that the resources of the Department of Environmental Protection and the State of Maine would be poorly spent in devoting time to ascertaining an appropriate criterion for dioxin until the federal Environmental Protection Agency has released its final scientific summary of the human health effects of exposure to dioxin. The federal Environmental Protection Agency is not expected to release this summary prior to January 1, 1994.

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