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H.P. 1002

House of Representatives, April 28, 1993

**An Act to Clarify the Time Frame in Which the Board of Environmental Protection Is to Establish a Numeric Water Quality Criterion for Dioxin.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27. 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, O'GARA of Westbrook, POULIN of Oakland, REED of Falmouth, VIGUE of Winslow, Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, CARPENTER of York, CIANCHETTE of Somerset, MARDEN of Kennebec.

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

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3 Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §420, sub-§2, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1989, c.  
4 856, §2 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

6 G. Numeric water quality criteria for 2, 3, 7, 8 -  
7 tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin established by the United States  
8 Environmental Protection Agency under the Federal Water  
9 Pollution Control Act, Public Law 92-500, Section 304(a), as  
10 amended, do not apply until ~~June 1, 1991~~ April 1, 1994, and  
11 only apply on that date if the board has not adopted through  
12 rulemaking or individual licensing proceedings under this  
13 section alternative numeric water quality criteria for 2, 3,  
14 7, 8 - tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin. The board shall  
15 consider the findings of the United States Environmental  
16 Protection Agency made as a result of the reassessment of 2,  
17 3, 7, 8 - tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin in any such  
18 determination. Pursuant to section 414-A, subsection 2,  
19 the board shall establish schedules for compliance with  
20 criteria established under this section. These schedules  
21 must be consistent with the compliance deadlines established  
22 under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Public Law  
23 92-500, Section 304(1), as amended.  
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#### 26 STATEMENT OF FACT

28 This bill makes clear that the Maine Board of Environmental  
29 Protection may defer adoption of a permanent dioxin water quality  
30 standard until April 1, 1994, following completion of the United  
31 States Environmental Protection Agency national scientific  
32 reassessment on the human health impacts of dioxin.