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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
116TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1385, L.D. 1884, Bill, "An Act to Ensure Proper Funding of the Department of Environmental Protection"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §352, sub-§5-A, as amended by PL 1993, c. 378, §2, is further amended by amending the first paragraph to read:

5-A. Accounting system. In order to determine the extent to which the functions set out in this section are necessary for the licensing process or are being performed in an efficient and expeditious manner, the commissioner shall require that all employees of the department involved in any aspect of these functions keep accurate and regular daily time records. These records must describe the matters worked on, services performed and the amount of time devoted to those matters and services, as well as amounts of money expended in performing those functions. Records must be kept for a sufficient duration of time as determined by the commissioner to establish to the commissioner's satisfaction that the fees are appropriate. This subsection is repealed July 1, 1995 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature.'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

FISCAL NOTE

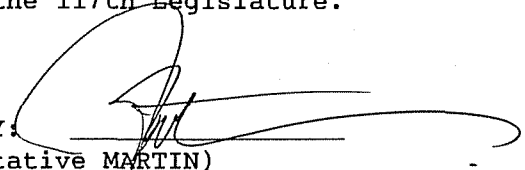
This bill includes various allocations and deallocations from the Maine Environmental Protection Fund program, the Bureau of Air Quality Control and the Bureau of Hazardous Materials and Solid Waste Control for fiscal year 1994-95 to transfer funding responsibilities and realign program activities. The overall result is a \$189,078 net deallocation of federal funds and a \$60,439 net deallocation of dedicated revenue. A total of 6 positions that are eliminated in this bill are reestablished as General Fund positions at a total cost of \$300,000 for fiscal year 1994-95 in the committee amendment to the supplemental budget bill, L.D. 1761.

The increase of various fees charged by the Department of Environmental Protection will increase certain fee collections. The estimated annual increases of dedicated revenue to the Department of Environmental Protection are \$184,000 beginning in fiscal year 1994-95.

The repeal of the various fees which provide dedicated revenues for the Maine Environmental Protection Fund will result in the total loss of dedicated revenues for the fund at the beginning of fiscal year 1996-97. Annual General Fund appropriations will be required to replace these dedicated revenues. The amounts can not be determined at this time.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

Committee Amendment "A" proposes revisions to certain permit and licensing fees charged by the Department of Environmental Protection. This amendment adds language that will repeal that fee structure 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature.

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