

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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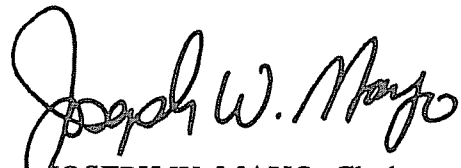
House of Representatives, February 15, 1994

**An Act to Expedite Oil Spill Response Activities.**

(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.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.

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

4 Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §363-D is enacted to read:

6 §363-D. Waiver or modification of protection and improvement  
8 laws

10 The commissioner or the commissioner's designee may waive or  
12 modify any of the provisions of this chapter if that waiver or  
14 modification promotes or assists any oil spill response activity  
conducted in accordance with the national contingency plan, a  
federal contingency plan, the state marine oil spill contingency  
plan, or as otherwise directed by the federal on-scene  
coordinator, the commissioner or commissioner's designee.

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18 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Environmental  
22 Protection to waive or modify the requirements of the State's  
24 water protection and improvement laws when such waiver or  
26 modification is necessary to facilitate oil spill response  
28 activity.

30 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the  
need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical  
amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.