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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

Reported by: Senator LORD of York for the Committee.

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 385, L.D. 1062, Bill, "An  
Act to Reduce Duplicative Reporting"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title  
and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the  
following:

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**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

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**Whereas,** existing rules of the Department of Environmental  
Protection require businesses in this State to submit hazardous  
air pollutant inventory statements by July 1st of each year; and

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**Whereas,** it is not necessary to the development and  
maintenance by the State of an adequate hazardous air pollutant  
emissions inventory to collect data on an annual basis; and

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**Whereas,** it is essential that state personnel and resources  
and personnel and resources of the regulated community be  
expended efficiently and that reporting of hazardous air  
pollutant emissions data be required only to the extent  
necessary; and

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**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 385, L.D. 1062

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

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Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §585-C, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 1989, c. 890, Pt. B, §160 and affected by Pt. A, §40, is further amended to read:

B. In conducting this inventory, the commissioner may rely upon questionnaires or other reasonable methods, including those established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, for the purpose of carrying out this duty as promptly and efficiently as possible. The commissioner shall clearly indicate on any requests for information the minimum amount of emissions that must be reported. The commissioner may not require reporting of this information more frequently than every other year.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

Existing law directs the Department of Environmental Protection to maintain a hazardous air pollutant inventory. This amendment, which replaces the original bill, amends existing law by prohibiting the department from requiring sources to submit hazardous air pollutant inventory reports more frequently than every other year. Because existing department rules required reporting by July 1, 1994, the department may not require the next hazardous air pollutant inventory report to be submitted earlier than July 1, 1996.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**