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House of Representatives, April 4, 1995

An Act to Continue the State's Dioxin Monitoring Program.

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Livermore.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §420-A, sub-§2, ¶A,** as affected by PL 1989, c.
5 890, Pt. A, §40 and amended by Pt. B, §40, is further amended to
6 read:

7 A. Select a representative sample of wastewater treatment
8 plant sludges from municipal wastewater treatment plants
9 and, bleached pulp mills or other sources. These facilities
10 must be selected on the basis of known or likely dioxin
11 contamination of their discharged effluent. The total
12 number of facilities may not exceed 12;

13 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §420-A, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 762,
14 §1, is amended to read:

15 **5. Fees assessed.** The commissioner shall assess the
16 selected facilities for the costs of sample collection and
17 analysis. When the selected facility is a publicly owned
18 treatment works, the commissioner shall assess the primary
19 industrial generator that is known or suspected of discharging
20 dioxin or dioxin precursors to the influent of the treatment
21 facility. Fees received under this section shall must be
22 credited to the Maine Environmental Protection Fund. Payment of
23 these fees is a condition of the discharge license issued under
24 this Title for continued operation of the selected facilities.
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26 **Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §420-A, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 856,
27 §5 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

28 **6. Repeal.** This section is repealed on December 31, 1995
29 2000.
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33 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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35 **38** This bill has 3 objectives. First, it will extend the
36 dioxin monitoring program to include those facilities that are
37 known to have dioxin in their effluent but are not presently
38 included in the monitoring location selection criteria.
39 Secondly, the bill allows the State to directly assess industrial
40 facilities that are known to discharge dioxin to public waste
41 water treatment facilities for the program costs. Therefore, the
42 State is not required to assess the public waste water treatment
43 facility for the program costs. Finally, the bill extends the
44 dioxin monitoring program for another 5 years.
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