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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1023, L.D. 1438, Bill, "An Act to Create Wet-weather Water Quality Standards"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2-B in the first paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "subcategory." the following: 'Notwithstanding this subsection, it remains the goal of the State to fully maintain and restore water quality and eliminate or control combined sewer overflows as soon as practicable.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2-B in paragraph C in the 4th line (page 2, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "must be created" and inserting in its place the following: 'may be created only'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2-B in the last blocked paragraph in the last sentence (page 3, line 44 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "limited-use"

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Environmental Protection will incur some minor additional costs to administer wet-weather water quality standards. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 The amendment adds a statement affirming that the State's
6 goal is to maintain and restore water quality and to eliminate or
8 control combined sewer overflows as soon as practicable. The
 amendment also clarifies that the Board of Environmental
 Protection is not required to create a CSO subcategory when the
 stated conditions are met, but the board has discretion to do
 so. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.