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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1221, L.D. 1671, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Revolving Loan Fund for Wastewater Facilities"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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

Whereas, this legislation makes funding available to municipalities to remediate landfills that are a threat to groundwater and for certain other activities related to water quality; and

Whereas, funding for these projects may be needed during the upcoming spring construction season; and

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,'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph C in the last line (page 1, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Section 1251" and inserting in its place the following: 'Sections 1251 to 1387'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

H. 453

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2 Further amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A in  
subparagraph (3) in the last line (page 1, line 44 in L.D.) by  
4 striking out the following: "Section 1251" and inserting in its  
place the following: 'Sections 1251 to 1387'

6 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the  
following:

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10 '**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §6006-A, sub-§3, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 1989,  
c. 48, §§27 and 31, is amended to read:

12 E. Facility needs, including the availability of, or likely  
14 development of, cost-effective privately owned facilities or  
services to meet the municipal need; and

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

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

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24 **·FISCAL NOTE**

26 The bill expands the revolving loan fund program for  
wastewater facilities administered by the Maine Municipal Bond  
28 Bank to allow available state funds, generated from general  
obligation bond proceeds, to be used as match to any projects  
30 that are eligible for certain federal capitalization funds. No  
additional state funding is required to match the federal funds  
available for this expansion of eligible projects.

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34 The Department of Environmental Protection will incur some  
minor additional costs to oversee additional projects due to the  
36 expansion of projects eligible under the revolving loan fund  
program. These costs can be absorbed within the department's  
existing budgeted resources.'

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40 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

42 This amendment clarifies that the Department of  
Environmental Protection, in prioritizing municipal projects for  
44 financing under the revolving loan fund, must consider the  
availability of cost-effective private sector alternatives to  
46 those municipal projects. The amendment also corrects a  
reference to federal law and adds an emergency preamble, an  
48 emergency clause and a fiscal note to the bill.