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H.P. 220

House of Representatives, January 21, 1997

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

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SHIAH of Bowdoinham.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and
Representatives: DEXTER of Kingfield, McKEE of Wayne.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §420-A, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 223,
4 §3, is further amended to read:

6 **6. Repeal.** This section is repealed December 31, 1997 2002.

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SUMMARY

10 This bill provides for the continuation of dioxin monitoring
12 in the State's waters through the year 2002. The Governor has
14 established a goal that dischargers reduce their dioxin
16 discharges to equal or below background levels by the year 2000.
18 The dioxin program is the means for the State to assess this
goal. The primary method to assess dioxin is through the
analysis of fish tissue and it takes several years for fish
tissue to show a response to the changes in dioxin levels.