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H.P. 297

House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

An Act to Encourage Regionalization of Municipal Services.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GAGNON of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and
Representatives: O'NEIL of Saco, ROWE of Portland, TESSIER of Fairfield, Senators:
DAGGETT of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶¶N and O,** as enacted by PL
4 1995, c. 625, Pt. A, §10, are amended to read:

6 N. Coordinate the development of solid waste management
7 policy including:

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9 (1) Collecting and analyzing solid waste management
10 and recycling data from all available sources including
11 commercial and municipal entities;

12 (2) Preparing a solid waste management and recycling
13 plan to be submitted to the Governor and the
14 Legislature every 2 years; and

15 (3) Providing technical and financial assistance to
16 municipalities in waste reduction and recycling
17 activities; and

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19 O. Own, design, develop or operate, or contract with
20 private parties to operate, a solid waste disposal facility,
21 as provided in Title 38, chapter 24, subchapter IV; and

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23 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶P** is enacted to read:

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25 P. Establish and maintain a grant program to enable
26 municipalities to study and develop programs to deliver
27 municipal services on a regional basis when such
28 regionalization is likely to result in improved or more
29 efficient services.

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31 (1) Application for the grant must be made by 2 or
32 more municipalities, one of which must be a service
33 center community as designated by the office in its
34 1996 report entitled "The Costs and Impacts of
35 Development Patterns in Maine."

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37 (2) Application must be made on forms developed by the
38 office and must include at least the following
39 information: the service being considered for
40 regionalization; a summary of how regionalization is
41 expected to improve efficiency or improve the service;
42 and information necessary to demonstrate that
43 improvement is likely.

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45 (3) Municipalities approved for grants shall fund at
46 least 20% of the cost of the program to which the grant
47 will be applied.

