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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1130, L.D. 1586, Bill, "An Act Regarding Reimbursement for Sand and Salt Storage Facility Construction"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1852, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 63, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

If an owner or operator of a project classified by the Department of Environmental Protection on May 1, 1997 as a Priority 1, 2 or 3 project under Title 38, section 451-A, subsection 1-A has not submitted to the department in writing by October 15, 1997 a preliminary plan and estimate, a notice of a completed or partially completed facility or a notice of a signed contract for imminent construction of a facility, the department may make any funds committed or otherwise obligated to that project under this section and section 1851 available to any constructed Priority 3, 4 or 5 project that is eligible for reimbursement and has sent all required submissions to the department. A project that loses its funding under this paragraph remains eligible for reimbursement at a later date, subject to the subsequent availability of funds.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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This bill expands the number of projects eligible to obtain funds for municipal reimbursement for sand and salt storage facility construction based on submissions to the Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation currently uses Highway Fund bonds to reimburse municipalities, this bill will not require additional allocations. If additional Highway Fund bonds, Highway Fund allocations or other resources are not provided, currently eligible projects may be displaced.'

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**SUMMARY**

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The amendment replaces the bill. It expands the number of lower priority salt and sand storage facilities that may receive state reimbursement dollars initially targeted for higher priority facilities when those higher priority facilities fail to meet certain criteria necessary to obtain reimbursement funds.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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