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An Act Regarding the Role of the State Planning Office and the Land and Water Resources Council.

Submitted by the State Planning Office pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska. Cosponsored by Representative JOYNER of Hollis, Senators: LIBBY of York, NUTTING of Androscoggin, TREAT of Kennebec.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3331, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 721,
4	Pt. C, §1 and affected by Pt. H, §1, is repealed.
6	Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2660-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 531, §1, is amended to read:
8	3. Appeal. The Commissioner of Human Services, after
10	consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, and the State Geologist and-the-State-Planning-Office, may authorize transport
12	of water for commercial purposes if the commissioner finds that: Transport of the water will not constitute a threat to public
14	health, safety or welfare; that the water is not available naturally in the location to which it will be transported; and
16	that failure to authorize transport of the water would create a substantial hardship to the potential recipient of the water.
18	Any authorization under this subsection shall must be for a period not to exceed 3 years, but may be renewed subject to the
20	same criteria.
22	SUMMARY
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	This bill amends provisions relating to the responsibilities
26	of the State Planning Office and the Land and Water Resources Council. It repeals the requirement that the Commissioner of
28	Human Services consult with the State Planning Office before authorizing the transport of water for commercial purposes. It
30	also repeals an outdated provision of law that defines the responsibilities for the Land and Water Resources Council for
32	1994.