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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 776, L.D. 2103, Bill, "An Act to Improve the Efficiency of the Maine Public Drinking Water Control Program"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, to Require the Preparation of a Strategic Plan for the Maine Public Drinking Water Control Program'**

Further amend the bill in the first paragraph after the title in the first line (page 1, line 1 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Acts" the following: 'and resolves'

Further amend the bill in the 5th paragraph after the title in the next to the last line (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Drinking Water State" and inserting in its place the following: 'Safe Drinking Water'

Further amend the bill in the 6th paragraph after the title in the 2nd line (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Drinking Water State" and inserting in its place the following: 'Safe Drinking Water'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of the enacting clause.

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

2       **'Sec. 1. Required strategic plan. Resolved:** That the Maine  
Public Drinking Water Commission and the Department of Human  
4       Services shall jointly prepare a strategic plan for the Maine  
Public Drinking Water Control Program and a report to the Joint  
6       Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by September 15,  
1998.

8           **1. Strategic plan.** The strategic plan must address the  
following issues:

10           A. The organizational structure of the Maine Public  
12       Drinking Water Control Program;

14           B. The current management information system;

16           C. A 3-year plan for funding the program adequately;

18           D. Measurable goals and objectives for the program,  
presented with benchmarks and measurements standards for  
20       each year; and

22           E. A process for comparing each year's progress to that  
year's goals and objectives and revising the strategic plan  
24       for the following years.

26           **2. Report.** The report to the committee must contain the  
strategic plan and information on the progress of the Maine  
28       Public Drinking Water Control Program in meeting the goals and  
objectives of the strategic plan. The report must also address  
30       staffing levels and contracted employment within the Maine Public  
Drinking Water Control Program and the adequacy of funding  
32       appropriated and allocated for expenditure by the program, the  
Maine Public Drinking Water Commission or the Department of Human  
34       Services to support the program.'

36           Further amend the bill in the emergency clause in the 2nd  
line (page 3, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following:  
38       "Act" and inserting in its place the following: 'resolve'

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

44                               **'FISCAL NOTE**

46           The additional costs associated with developing a strategic  
plan for the Maine Public Drinking Water Control Program can be  
48       absorbed by the Department of Human Services utilizing existing  
budgeted resources.'

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### SUMMARY

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6 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing  
Committee on Health and Human Services. It replaces the  
8 substance of the bill. It corrects the name of the fund in the  
emergency preamble. It provides for a strategic plan and a  
10 report jointly prepared by the Department of Human Services and  
the Maine Public Drinking Water Commission. The report is due  
12 September 15, 1998. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the  
bill.