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HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to S.P. 826, L.D. 2224, Bill, "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$16,000,000 to Construct Water Pollution Control Facilities; to Close and Clean Up Municipal Solid Waste Landfills; to Clean Up Tire Stockpiles; to Investigate, Abate, Clean Up and Mitigate Hazardous Substance Discharges; to Mitigate Storm Water Pollution through a Comprehensive Watershed Protection Program; and to Make Drinking Water System Improvements"

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

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'An Act to Authorize Funding for Certain Environmental Programs'

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Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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

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Sec. 1. Environmental cleanup; fiscal years 1997-98 General Fund revenue surplus. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall at the close of fiscal year 1997-98 transfer from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund the first \$7,000,000 of excess General Fund revenues received over accepted estimates in that fiscal year to be distributed in the following manner: \$5,500,000 must be transferred to the Department of Environmental Protection of which \$1,000,000 must be allocated for the cleanup of tire stockpiles, \$1,150,000 must be allocated for issues related to hazardous substance discharges and \$3,350,000 must be allocated for water pollution control facilities. One million five hundred thousand dollars must be transferred to the Department of Human Services for the construction of public drinking water system improvements. If \$7,000,000 represents the amount or less than

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2 the amount that would otherwise be transferred to the Maine Rainy
Day Fund, then the \$7,000,000 amount must be deducted from any
4 amount that, absent this section, would have been transferred to
the Maine Rainy Day Fund at the close of fiscal year 1997-98.'

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

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10 **FISCAL NOTE**

12 This bill may reduce the amount that otherwise will be
transferred to the Maine Rainy Day Fund at the close of fiscal
14 year 1997-98. The impact on the Retirement Allowance Fund, State
Contingent Account, Maine Economic Improvement Strategy, Reserve
16 for General Fund Operating Capital, FAME Loan Insurance Reserve
or any other required year end transfers can not be determined at
18 this time.

20 Funding certain environmental cleanup programs with surplus
fiscal year 1997-98 surplus General Fund revenues rather than
22 through general obligation bonds will reduce the overall costs to
State Government as future debt service costs will be avoided.'

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28 **SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill that authorized a bond
30 issue of \$15,000,000. It instead requires the State Controller
to transfer the first \$7,000,000 of General Fund revenue surplus
32 at the close of fiscal year 1997-98 to the Department of
Environmental Protection and the Department of Human Services to
34 be used for certain environmental clean-up programs. The
\$7,000,000 transferred is to be deducted from the amount that
36 would otherwise be first transferred to the Maine Rainy Day Fund.

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