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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" 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"

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

'An Act to Authorize Funding for Certain Environmental Programs'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of the preamble.

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

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1513, sub-§1-L is enacted to read:

1-L. Transfer from Maine Rainy Day Fund. Notwithstanding subsection 2 and section 1585, an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000 must be transferred by the State Controller from the available balance in the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 1999.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SENATE AMENDMENT

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

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Land and Water Quality

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All Other

\$5,500,000

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Provides funds for the investigation, abatement, cleanup and mitigation of threats to the public health and the environment from hazardous substance discharges, the cleanup of tire stockpiles and the construction of water pollution control facilities providing the state match for \$10,000,000 in federal funds.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TOTAL

\$5,500,000

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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Maine Public Drinking Water Control Program

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All Other

\$1,500,000

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Provides funds for the construction of drinking water system improvements for public water supplies providing the state match for \$7,100,000 in federal funds.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TOTAL

\$1,500,000

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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$7,000,000'

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund

\$7,000,000

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REVENUES

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General Fund

\$7,000,000

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This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$5,500,000 in fiscal year 1998-99 for the Department of Environmental Protection to fund certain environmental cleanup initiatives. This bill also includes a General Fund appropriation of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 1998-99 for the Department of Human Services to construct drinking water system improvements.

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The bill authorizes the transfer of \$7,000,000 from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to provide sufficient funding for these appropriations.

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Funding these environmental issues with the transfer from the Maine Rainy Day Fund will reduce the overall costs to State Government as borrowing costs related to the issuance of general obligation bonds will be avoided.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment takes \$7,000,000 from the Maine Rainy Day Fund and provides \$5,500,000 to the Department of Environmental Protection for several environmental clean-up issues and \$1,500,000 to the Department of Human Services to construct drinking water system improvements for public water supplies.

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