

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1072

House of Representatives, February 25, 1999

### An Act to Encourage Environmental Management Systems.

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Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DAIGLE of Arundel.  
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator: LONGLEY of Waldo.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §343-G is enacted to read:**

6 **§343-G. Environmental management systems**

8 1. Policy. It is the policy of the State to encourage  
10 facilities subject to regulation by the department to improve  
12 their environmental performance and compliance through the  
14 development and implementation of environmental management  
16 systems that conform to international standards.

18 2. Incentives. The commissioner shall develop and implement  
20 a program of incentives to encourage facilities to implement  
22 environmental management systems. The incentive program may  
24 provide relief from regulatory requirements and may include, but  
26 is not limited to, the following elements:

28 A. Exemption from routine compliance inspections at the  
30 discretion of the commissioner;

32 B. Presumed submission of a spill prevention control and  
34 clean-up plan that meets the criteria of section 1318-C; and

36 C. Public recognition by the commissioner.

38 To be eligible for incentives under this subsection, a facility  
40 must have developed and implemented an environmental management  
42 system certified by an accredited 3rd-party certification body as  
conforming to the International Organization for  
Standardization's standard 14001 (ISO 14001:1996).

34 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill establishes a state policy to encourage facilities  
38 to develop and implement environmental management systems that  
40 conform to international standards. The bill requires the  
42 Commissioner of Environmental Protection to implement an  
incentives program to encourage facilities to implement  
environmental management systems by offering regulatory relief to  
facilities that implement certified environmental management  
systems.