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NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1073, L.D. 1520, Bill, "An Act Requiring Maine to Adopt the Federal Rules Regarding Universal Waste"

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

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, waste from batteries, thermostats, fluorescent light bulbs, cathode ray tubes and PCB ballasts continue to threaten natural resources and the public health in this State; and

Whereas, it is imperative that the Board of Environmental Protection adopt universal waste rules regarding the management of waste batteries and other universal waste as soon as practicable; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1319-O, sub-§1, ¶F is enacted to read:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 F. By January 1, 2000, the board shall adopt, at a minimum,
3 the universal waste rules, excluding pesticides, promulgated
4 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as
5 defined in 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 9, 260,
6 261, 262, 264, 265, 266, 268, 270 and 273.

7 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
8 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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

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14 **FISCAL NOTE**

15 The Board of Environmental Protection within the Department
16 of Environmental Protection will incur some minor additional
17 costs to adopt certain rules pertaining to universal waste.
18 These costs can be absorbed within the board's existing budgeted
19 resources.'

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22 **SUMMARY**

23 This amendment requires the Board of Environmental
24 Protection, by January 1, 2000, to adopt the United States
25 Environmental Protection Agency universal waste rules regarding
26 batteries and further requires the Board of Environmental
27 Protection to adopt rules regarding other universal wastes,
28 excluding pesticides. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to
29 the bill.
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