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No. 857

H.P. 657

House of Representatives, February 15, 2001

An Act to Strengthen the Ground Water Oil Clean-up Fund.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DAIGLE of Arundel.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and
Representative COWGER of Hallowell.

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

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Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §569-A, sub-§5, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 399, §11 and affected by §21, is amended to read:

E. If the fund balance is reduced to ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$5,000,000 or less, the Fund Insurance Review Board may adopt rules increasing the fees imposed under paragraph A by up to 10¢ per barrel for gasoline and up to 5¢ per barrel for other petroleum products, except liquid asphalt and #6 fuel oil, as necessary to avoid a shortfall in the fund. The board may use the emergency rule-making procedures under Title 5, section 8054 if necessary to ensure that the fee increase is instituted in time to avoid a shortfall. Any fee increase adopted pursuant to this paragraph terminates and the fees imposed under paragraph A apply when the fund balance reaches ~~\$5,000,000~~ \$7,000,000.

SUMMARY

This bill raises the amount of the Ground Water Oil Clean-up fund balance of which surcharge fees can be charged from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The fees terminate when the fund balance reaches \$7,000,000, rather than \$5,000,000.