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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 704, L.D. 919, Bill, "An Act to Provide for Variance Notification in the Shoreland Zoning Law"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The requirement that municipalities must forward certain requests for a variance from a shoreland zoning ordinance represents a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The additional local costs are likely to be relatively insignificant; the amounts can not be determined at this time. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

The Department of Environmental Protection will incur some minor additional costs to comment on certain requests for variances from shoreland zoning ordinances. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.