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NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1047, L.D. 1404, "Resolve, to Create a Stakeholders Group to Modernize Maine's Clean Air Policy"

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

'Preamble. Whereas, Maine is a state that is uniquely located to receive transported air pollution from other states; and

Whereas, continuing and emerging air quality issues have the potential to significantly affect the health and well-being of Maine citizens and the integrity of the State's ecological systems and its economy; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Air Quality Advisory Committee established. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall convene the Air Quality Advisory Committee, referred to in this resolve as the "committee"; and be it further

Sec. 2. Membership; appointments. Resolved: That the committee shall include representatives of the following groups and interests: environmental, energy, business, manufacturing, petroleum, automobile, public health, medical, recreation and tourism, and the national park and the Legislature. Legislative members must be appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the President Pro Tempore; and

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2 2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed
4 by the Speaker of the House, one of whom is a member of a
6 political party that does not hold a majority of seats in that
body; and be it further

8 **Sec. 3. Appointments. Resolved:** That all legislative
10 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
12 effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the
Legislative Council must be notified by all legislative
appointing authorities once the selections have been made; and be
it further

14 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the committee shall consider
16 acid and heavy metal deposition, emissions trading and toxic air
emissions issues, possible future air control strategies and
18 agreements for control strategies with 3rd-party groups,
including, but not limited to, the Ozone Transport Commission and
the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management; and be
20 it further

22 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of
24 Environmental Protection shall provide necessary staffing and
technical support services; and be it further

26 **Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the
28 committee who are Legislators are entitled to the legislative per
diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section
2 and reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred for their
30 attendance at authorized meetings of the committee; and be it
further

32 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the committee shall submit a
34 report of its findings and recommendations, together with any
necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session
36 of the 120th Legislature no later than November 15, 2001. If the
task force requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative
38 Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further

40 **Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
42 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
this resolve.

44 **2001-02**

46 **LEGISLATURE**

48 **Air Quality Advisory Committee**

50 Personal Services	\$ 880
All Other	800

2 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses
of the legislative members of the Air
4 Quality Advisory Committee.

6 **LEGISLATURE**
7 **TOTAL**

\$1,680'

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

12 **FISCAL NOTE**

14 **2001-02**

16 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

18 General Fund \$1,680

20 The Legislature will require an additional General Fund
appropriation of \$1,680 in fiscal year 2001-02 for the per diem
22 and expenses of legislative members of the Air Quality Advisory
Committee.

24 The Department of Environmental Protection will incur some
26 minor additional costs to provide any requested assistance to the
group. These costs can be absorbed within the department's
28 existing budgeted resources.'

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This amendment replaces the original bill. It directs the
34 Commissioner of Environmental Protection to convene the Air
Quality Advisory Committee. Membership on the committee includes
36 representatives of various interests, including Legislative
members. The duties of the committee include considering
38 possible future air control strategies, agreements for control
strategies with 3rd-party groups, acid and heavy metal
40 deposition, emissions trading and toxic air emissions issues.
The committee will be staffed by the Department of Environmental
42 Protection. The committee shall submit a report of its findings
and recommendations, together with any necessary implementing
44 legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 120th
Legislature no later than November 15, 2001. The amendment also
46 adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.