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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 600, L.D. 1775, "Resolve, to Create a Study Commission to Develop a Comprehensive Plan to Reduce Toxic Emissions and Expand Plastics Recycling"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

**Sec. 2. Commission membership; appointed and ex officio members. Resolved:** That the commission consists of 15 members:

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate. In making these appointments, preference must be given to selecting one member who is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and one member who is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development. The first appointed member of the Senate is the Senate chair of the commission;

2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House. In making these appointments, preference must be given to selecting one member who is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and one member who is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development. The first appointed member of the House is the House chair of the commission;

3. Three ex officio members: the Director of the State Planning Office or the director's designee, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources or the commissioner's designee; and

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- 2           4. Eight persons appointed by the Governor as follows:
- 4           A. Two representatives of statewide environmental
- 6           organizations;
- 8           B. One representative of the Maine Grocers Association;
- 10          C. One representative of the Maine Merchants Association
- 12          Inc.;
- 14          D. One representative of the plastics industry;
- 16          E. One representative of redemption center owners;
- 18          F. One representative of the Maine Resource Recovery
- 20          Association; and
- G. One representative of the Maine Municipal Association;
- and be it further'

22           Further amend the resolve in section 4 by striking out all  
24           of subsection 3 (page 2, lines 11 and 12 in L.D.) and inserting  
          in its place the following:

26           '3. Study the feasibility of reducing the toxicity of  
28           waste, including the diversion of polyvinyl chloride from  
          incineration;'

30           Further amend the resolve in section 8 in the last line  
32           (page 2, line 50 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "." and  
          inserting in its place the following: '; and be it further'

34           Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 8 the  
36           following:

38           '**Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are  
40           appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of  
          this resolve.

	2001-02	2002-03
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42           **LEGISLATURE**

44           **Commission to Develop a Comprehensive**  
46           **Plan to Reduce Toxic Emissions and**  
48           **Expand Plastics Recycling**

Personal Services	\$1,100	\$1,320
All Other	1,175	1,875

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 600, L.D. 1775

2 Provides funds for the per  
4 diem and expenses of  
6 legislative members of the  
8 Commission to Develop a  
10 Comprehensive Plan to Reduce  
12 Toxic Emissions and Expand  
14 Plastics Recycling and to  
16 print the required report.

10	<b>LEGISLATURE</b>		
12	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,275</u>	<u>\$3,195'</u>

14 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the  
16 summary the following:

18	<b>FISCAL NOTE</b>		
20		<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>

20 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

22	General Fund	\$2,275	\$3,195
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24 The Legislature will require additional General Fund  
26 appropriations of \$2,275 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$3,195 in  
28 fiscal year 2002-03 for the per diem and expenses of legislative  
30 members and other eligible members of the Commission to Develop a  
Comprehensive Plan to Reduce Toxic Emissions and Expand Plastics  
Recycling and to print the required report.

32 The additional costs associated with providing staffing  
34 assistance to the commission during the interim between  
36 legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing  
38 existing budgeted resources. If an extension of the reporting  
deadline is granted and the commission requires staffing  
assistance during the legislative session, the Legislature may  
require an additional General Fund appropriation to contract for  
staff services.

40 The State Planning Office within the Executive Department,  
42 the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of  
44 Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will incur some minor  
46 additional costs to participate as ex officio members of the  
commission. These costs can be absorbed within the agencies'  
existing budgeted resources.'

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## SUMMARY

4           This amendment changes the membership of the Commission to  
6           Develop a Comprehensive Plan to Reduce Toxic Emissions and Expand  
8           Plastics Recycling by replacing a member from the Maine Chamber  
10           of Commerce with a representative of the plastics industry and  
12           adding a representative of the Maine Resource Recovery  
14           Association and a representative of the Maine Municipal  
          Association. The amendment also deletes the task of studying the  
          feasibility of banning the incineration of polyvinyl chloride and  
          other plastics and replaces it with the task of studying the  
          feasibility of reducing the toxicity of waste, including the  
          diversion of polyvinyl chloride from incineration. It also adds  
          an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.