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NATURAL RESOURCES

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1473, L.D. 1974, Bill, "An Act to Create and Fund a Household Hazardous Waste Collection System"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Study the Design and Funding of a Household Hazardous Waste and Universal Waste Collection Program'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the concept draft summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Feasibility and design review. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection, in cooperation with the, Executive Department, State Planning Office and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters by January 15, 2003 on the feasibility and design of a long-term funding mechanism to provide state cost-sharing support to municipalities and regions for the operational costs of a statewide household hazardous waste and universal waste collection program. The report must include an analysis of a proposed funding mechanism based on the imposition of fees at the point of retail sale on paint and pesticide products sold within the State. The report must also include proposed legislation necessary to establish and implement the proposed funding mechanism; and be it further

2 **Sec. 2. Authority to report out legislation. Resolved:** That the
joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
4 over natural resources matters may report out legislation to the
First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature to establish a
6 statewide household hazardous waste and universal waste
collection program and to provide funding for the operating costs
of the program.'

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

12 **FISCAL NOTE**

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The Department of Environmental Protection will incur some
16 minor additional costs to submit a required report to the
Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's
18 existing budgeted resources.

20 The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and
the State Planning Office within the Executive Department will
22 incur some minor additional costs to work with the Department of
Environmental Protection on the development of a proposal to
24 establish a statewide household hazardous waste and universal
waste collection program. These costs can be absorbed within the
26 departments' existing budgeted resources.'

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30 **SUMMARY**

32 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. It directs
the Department of Environmental Protection to report to the joint
34 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
natural resources matters by January 15, 2003 on the feasibility
36 and design of a funding mechanism for the operational costs of a
statewide household hazardous waste and universal waste
38 collection program. The amendment also allows the committee to
report out legislation establishing and funding such a program to
40 the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature. It also adds
a fiscal note to the bill.