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MINORITY
NATURAL RESOURCES

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1501, L.D. 2004, Bill, "An Act to Phase Out the Availability of Mercury-added Products"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Report on Mercury Product Notification Data and to Propose a Strategy for Maximizing the Reduction of Mercury Emissions to the Environment'

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

'Sec. 1. Report. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall submit a report by January 1, 2003 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters on the information submitted pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1661-A. That report must include:

A. A summary of all data received by the Department of Environmental Protection under Title 38, section 1661-A;

B. Based on that data, a comprehensive strategy to reduce the mercury content of products with the goal of maximizing the reduction of mercury emissions to the environment; and

C. Any legislation necessary to implement the strategy proposed in the report.

1 The joint standing committee of the Legislature having
2 jurisdiction over natural resources matters may report out
3 legislation to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature
4 to implement recommendations included in this report.'

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6 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
7 summary the following:
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10 **'FISCAL NOTE**

11 The additional costs associated with collecting certain
12 data, developing a comprehensive strategy pertaining to the
13 reduction of mercury emissions to the environment and submitting
14 a required report to the Legislature can be absorbed by the
15 Department of Environmental Protection utilizing existing
16 budgeted resources.'

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20 **SUMMARY**

21 This is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee
22 on Natural Resources. The amendment replaces the bill, changes
23 the title of the bill and makes the bill a resolve.
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25 The amendment directs the Department of Environmental
26 Protection to report to the joint standing committee of the
27 Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters by
28 January 1, 2003 on the product notification data received by the
29 department by that date under the requirements of existing law.
30 That report must also include recommendations on a comprehensive
31 strategy to reduce the mercury content of products with the goal
32 of maximizing the reduction of mercury emissions to the
33 environment and any legislation necessary to implement those
34 recommendations. The joint standing committee is given the
35 authority to report out legislation to the First Regular Session
36 of the 121st Legislature to implement recommendations included in
37 this report.
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40 The amendment also adds a fiscal note.