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S.P. 57

In Senate, January 21, 2003

Resolve, To Regulate the Disposal of Dental Mercury Amalgam

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: STANLEY of Penobscot, STRIMLING of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, BENNETT of Caribou, COWGER of Hallowell, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

2 **Sec. 1. Rules. Resolved:** That by January 1, 2004 the
3 Department of Environmental Protection shall establish rules for
4 dental offices and other places where mercury amalgam fillings
5 are prepared, used, removed, replaced or repaired relative to the
6 use of environmentally appropriate disposal equipment for amalgam
7 waste to trap and dispose of mercury. Rules adopted pursuant to
8 this resolve are major substantive rules as defined in the Maine
9 Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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SUMMARY

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13 This resolve requires the Department of Environmental
14 Protection to adopt rules by January 1, 2004 for the proper
15 disposal of mercury amalgam waste from dental offices and other
16 places where mercury amalgam fillings are prepared, used,
17 removed, replaced or repaired. The rules adopted are major
18 substantive rules.