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## 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 197

House of Representatives, January 23, 2003

An Act To Require the Consideration of the Cumulative Effect on Protected Natural Resources When Permitting Activities

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor. Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and

Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MAKAS of Lewiston,

THOMPSON of China, Senator: SAWYER of Penobscot.

_	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-D, sub-§10 is enacted to read:
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	10. Cumulative effect on protected natural resources. The
6	cumulative effect of the proposed activity, in light of both past
	activities and reasonably foreseeable future activities, will not

adjacent to the project area.

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12 **SUMMARY** 

14 Current law sets forth standards that must be met before a permit may be granted for activities such as dredging, bulldozing or construction on or over certain wetlands or protected natural 16 resources. This bill augments those standards to require a finding that the cumulative effect of the proposed activity will 18 not be to unreasonably harm protected natural resources located on or adjacent to the project area. 20

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