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## **Resolve, To Prohibit the Discharge of Certain Wastewater into Casco Bay**

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

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Presented by Representative ADAMS of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, BULL of Freeport, EDER of Portland, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, PERCY of Phippsburg, SAVIELLO of Wilton, Senator: MAYO of Sagadahoc. Sec. 1. Department of Environmental Protection to apply for designation of certain waters of Casco Bay as no-discharge zones under Federal Clean Water Act. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall apply to the Federal Government for designation of certain waters of Casco Bay, including Portland Harbor and the Fore River estuary, as no-discharge zones under the federal Clean Water Act of 1977, 33 United States Code, Sections 1251 to 1387 (1994); and be it further

10 Sec. 2. Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules that prohibit discharge of gray water. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt rules that prohibit the 12 discharge of treated or untreated gray water from commercial vessels carrying more than 300 passengers into certain waters of 14 Casco Bay designated under section 1. The rules must define gray 16 water as water discharged from a vessel that is used for cleaning or similar purposes as defined under the federal Clean Water Act of 1977, 33 United States Code, Sections 1251 to 1387 (1994). 18 Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 20 375, subchapter 2-A; and be it further

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Sec. 3. Department of Environmental Protection to define boundaries of certain waters in Casco Bay for designation as no-discharge zones. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection, in cooperation with interested members of the public and identified stakeholders in the process, shall define the boundaries of the waters of Casco Bay that will be designated as no-discharge zones pursuant to section 1.

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## **SUMMARY**

34 This resolve requires the Department of Environmental Protection to define boundaries of certain waters in Casco Bay, 36 including Portland Harbor and the Fore River estuary, as no-discharge zones for the purposes of application under the 38 federal Clean Water Act and to adopt rules prohibiting the discharge of gray water from vessels in those zones.