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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1133, L.D. 1547, Bill, "An Act To Amend Certain Laws Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection"

Amend the bill in section 19 in subsection 5 in the 6th line (page 6, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "August 16, 2002" and inserting in its place the following: 'April 17, 2003'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes a date to correspond to the latest version of the federal regulations governing spill prevention and control at aboveground oil storage facilities.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review

LD 1547

**An Act To Amend Certain Laws Administered by the Department of
Environmental Protection**

LR 1860(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
Future biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
Future biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill increases the cap on allocations for the Board of Environmental Protection Fund from \$250,000 annually to \$325,000. This increase is intended to meet rising personnel and benefit costs, including the filling of an Executive Analyst position and other general operating expenses. An increase in workload has required more frequent board meetings. The budgeted allocations for fiscal year 2003-04 and 2004-05 are sufficient to meet the current needs of the board. This bill will allow the board to accommodate future increased expenditures up to the new cap. This bill also extends by five years the sunset date for the Fund Insurance Program and oil transfer fees currently required to pay for costs associated with leaks and spills from oil storage tanks.