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NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 402, L.D. 526, Bill, "An Act To Phase Out the Recycling Assistance Fee"

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

'Resolve, Regarding the Recycling Assistance Fee'

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 by January 30, 2007 the Department of Environmental Protection shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters a report concerning solid waste management program funding alternatives to the continued use of revenues derived from the \$1 fee on the retail sale of new tires pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 4832. The report must be developed in consultation with the Executive Department, State Planning Office and with interested parties. The report must include, but is not limited to:

1. An evaluation of possible alternative funding mechanisms that may include new or revised fees on solid wastes, including special wastes, that are generated, disposed of or otherwise handled in this State; consumer products sold in this State; and solid waste facilities and licenses; and

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2. Recommendations concerning alternative funding mechanisms, with preference given to those revenue source alternatives that are broad-based and are most likely to produce relatively stable, long-term program funding.

In evaluating alternative funding mechanisms, the Department of Environmental Protection shall consider potential effects on industries, businesses, municipalities, individuals and others and shall strive to propose funding sources and fee levels that are related and generally proportional in amount to program efforts expended by the department.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the title and replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment requires the Department of Environmental Protection to evaluate possible alternative funding mechanisms to the \$1 fee on the retail sale of new tires and to submit a report and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters by January 30, 2007.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**



Approved: 05/05/05 *MRC*

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An Act To Phase Out the Recycling Assistance Fee

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs associated with this legislation can be absorbed by the Department of Environmental Protection and the State Planning Office utilizing existing budgeted resources.