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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. 448, L.D. 615, Bill, "An Act Regarding New Motor Vehicle Emission Standards Rulemaking"

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

'An Act Regarding New Motor Vehicle Emission Standards'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §585-D, as amended by PL 1999, c. 582, §1, is further amended to read:

§585-D. New motor vehicle emission standards

Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board board may adopt and enforce standards that meet the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act, Section 177, 42 United States Code, Section 7507 relating to control of emissions from new motor vehicles or new motor vehicle engines. These standards, known as a "low-emission vehicle program," must be designed to prevent air pollution and achieve and maintain ambient air quality standards within the State.

The department may not implement the low-emission vehicle program if the implementation of that program includes the adoption, sale, or use of the reformulated gasoline approved for sale and use in California.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 By--December--1,--2000,--the--board--shall--evaluate--the
feasibility--of--the--State's--zero-emission--vehiele--mandate--in
4 existence--on--March--1,--2000,--This--evaluation--must--include--an
examination--of--zero-emission--vehicle--technology,--price,
6 performance--and--consumer--acceptability--and--implementation--issues
relating--to--use--of--those--vehicles--in--the--State,--Following--this
8 evaluation,--any--rule--adopted--by--the--board--containing--a
zero-emission--vehicle--mandate--is--a--major--substantive--rule
pursuant--to--Title--5,--chapter--375,--subchapter--II-A.

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12 The department shall annually evaluate whether the State
should continue to implement and enforce California low-emission
14 vehicle standards relating to the control of emissions from new
motor vehicles or new motor vehicle engines. The evaluation must
16 include a review of the benefits and costs of enforcing the
California standards and the benefits and costs of adopting the
18 federal standards. The department shall report on its evaluation
to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
20 jurisdiction over natural resources matters by January 15, 2007
and by January 15th every year thereafter. The joint standing
22 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural
resources matters may report out legislation related to the
24 department's evaluation to the Legislature.'

26 SUMMARY

28 This amendment requires the Department of Environmental
30 Protection to annually evaluate whether the State should continue
to implement and enforce the California standards for new motor
32 vehicle emissions. It also requires the department to report on
the evaluation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
34 having jurisdiction over natural resources matters, and it
authorizes the committee to report out legislation related to the
36 evaluation. The amendment also strikes language requiring a
report from the Board of Environmental Protection in 2000, and it
38 strikes language that makes rules regarding zero-emission
vehicles major substantive rules.

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42 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
44 (See attached)



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An Act Regarding New Motor Vehicle Emission Standards Rulemaking

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

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund