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STATE OF MAINE
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122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT 'A' to S.P. 445, L.D. 1265, Bill, "An Act To Protect Aquifers"

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

'Resolve, Regarding Source Water Protection'

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. The Drinking Water Program within the Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Conservation, Maine Geological Survey and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall submit a report as provided in this section to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by February 1, 2006. The report must address whether additional requirements are needed for source water protection in this State and describe recommended options to address those needs. Options may include, but are not limited to, water supply source water protection approaches modeled after shoreland zoning, use of statutory performance standards and use of specific land use prohibitions or controls. The report may not address minimum state standards for excavations of .5 or more acres for borrow, clay, topsoil or silt.

After receipt and review of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature requiring the Drinking Water Program within the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a process to allow public comment on the options recommended by the department and to report to a

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2 future Legislature with subsequent recommendations after
3 consideration of the public comments by the Drinking Water
4 Program within the Department of Health and Human Services, the
5 Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of
6 Conservation, Maine Geological Survey and the Department of
7 Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.'

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SUMMARY

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13 This amendment changes the title and replaces the bill with
14 a resolve. The amendment requires the Drinking Water Program
15 within the Department of Health and Human Services, in
16 consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, the
17 Department of Conservation, Maine Geological Survey and the
18 Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to submit a
19 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by
20 February 1, 2006. The report must address whether additional
21 requirements are needed for source water protection in Maine and
22 describe recommended options to address those needs. The
23 amendment also authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Natural
24 Resources to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session
25 of the 122nd Legislature requiring the Drinking Water Program to
26 establish a process to allow public comment and to report to the
27 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
28 over natural resources matters with any subsequent
recommendations after consideration of the comments.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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LR 0406(02)

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

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds