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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 454, L.D. 587, Bill, "An Act To Protect and Improve Lake Water Quality"

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

**'An Act To Protect and Improve Lake Water Quality by Reducing Phosphorus in Lawn Care Fertilizer'**

Amend the bill in section 1 in §419 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, line 39 and page 2, lines 1 to 13 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**'2. Prohibition.** ~~No A person may sell or use any high phosphorous detergent. not:~~

A. Sell or use a high phosphorus detergent; or

B. Sell fertilizer containing phosphorus at a retail store after January 1, 2008 unless the seller posts a department-approved sign that indicates that the product is not appropriate for use on nonagricultural lawns or turf due to potential adverse effects on water quality, except when:

(1) Soil test results from a laboratory indicate that additional phosphorus is needed for that lawn or turf; or

(2) The fertilizer will be used in establishing a new lawn or turf, including establishing turf at a sod farm, or for reseeding or overseeding an existing lawn or turf.

The sign required by this paragraph must be positioned between 4 and 7 feet above the floor and prominently posted where fertilizers containing phosphorus for use on lawns or turf are displayed. For purposes of this paragraph, "retail store" means a commercial establishment that sells fertilizer on the store premises for use off the premises.'

Amend the bill by inserting before the summary the following:

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## COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 587

LR 1331(02)

**An Act To Protect and Improve Lake Water Quality**

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

**Committee: Natural Resources**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## 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 utilizing existing budgeted resources.