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An Act To Expand the Duties of the State Planning Office To Provide Additional Services to Municipalities

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COURTNEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representative SMITH of Monmouth and

Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn, CLEARY of Houlton,
MacDONALD of Boothbay, PRESCOTT of Topsham, SAMSON of Auburn.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶N**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 393, Pt. B, §4, is
3 further amended to read:

- 4 N. Coordinate the development of solid waste management policy including:
- 5 (1) Collecting and analyzing solid waste management and recycling data from
6 all available sources including commercial and municipal entities;
- 7 (2) Preparing a solid waste management and recycling plan to be submitted to
8 the Governor and the Legislature by January 1, 1998 and every 5 years thereafter;
9 and
- 10 (3) Providing technical and financial assistance to municipalities in waste
11 reduction and recycling activities; ~~and~~

12 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶O**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 625, Pt. A, §10, is
13 amended to read:

14 O. Own, design, develop or operate, or contract with private parties to operate, a
15 solid waste disposal facility, as provided in Title 38, chapter 24, subchapter ~~IV~~ 4;
16 and

17 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶P** is enacted to read:

18 P. Provide, within existing resources, assistance to a municipality in the performance
19 of its duties, including providing to a municipality:

- 20 (1) Legal opinions;
- 21 (2) Information and counsel on personnel issues;
- 22 (3) Advice and assistance on general assistance issues;
- 23 (4) A job bank; and
- 24 (5) Opportunities for cooperative purchasing.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill expands the duties of the Executive Department, State Planning Office to
27 include the provision of services to municipalities similar to those provided by the Maine
28 Municipal Association.