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### **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Reports Related to Natural Resources**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources 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 MARTIN of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3331, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 721, Pt. C, §1 and  
3 affected by Pt. H, §1, is amended to read:

4 **4. Quarterly meetings; biennial report.** The council shall meet at least quarterly.  
5 In addition, the council shall prepare a work program for each year establishing priorities  
6 among its efforts. ~~By January 15th of each year~~ Every 2 years beginning in 2009 and no  
7 later than January 15th, the council shall prepare and submit to the Governor and to the  
8 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resource  
9 matters ~~an annual a~~ report describing its activities during the previous 2 calendar ~~year~~  
10 years and an outline of anticipated activities for the current calendar year. Member  
11 agencies shall provide staff support.

12 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §679-B, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 333, §2, is further  
13 amended to read:

14 **5. Allocation from fund.** Money in the Radioactive Waste Fund established by this  
15 section must be allocated from time to time by the Legislature ~~for the following purposes:~~  
16 ~~to the Radioactive Waste Advisory Commission Fund as established in Title 38, section~~  
17 ~~1454-A to fund the activities of the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste as~~  
18 ~~described in Title 38, section 1453-A for advisory and public information activities; and~~  
19 ~~to the department for administrative and regulatory activities as described in this section.~~  
20 These amounts become available in accordance with Title 5, chapters 141 to 155.

21 The department may receive and expend federal grants and payments for the purpose of  
22 carrying out its duties set out in section 679-A, subsection 2.

23 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §679-B, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 664, §10, is  
24 repealed.

25 **Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §680, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 345, §§13 and 14, is  
26 repealed.

27 **Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §344-B, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 804, Pt. B, §4 and  
28 affected by §7, is repealed.

29 **Sec. 6. 38 MRSA §470-G**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 619, §1 and amended by PL  
30 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §7, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

31 **§470-G. Reporting and use of collected data**

32 The department shall report data collected pursuant to this article to the Water  
33 Resources Planning Committee established under Title 5, section 3331, subsection 8.  
34 The Water Resources Planning Committee shall use this data in the fulfillment of its  
35 duties under Title 5, section 3331, subsection 8. Reporting of the data must be  
36 summarized in a manner that does not allow for the identification of any individual user.



1           4. It eliminates the requirement that the Commissioner of Environmental Protection  
2 report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
3 energy and natural resources matters on certain permitting and licensing activities.

4           5. It eliminates the requirement that the Commissioner of Environmental Protection  
5 report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
6 natural resources matters on water use reporting. It requires the Department of  
7 Environmental Protection to report water use data to the Water Resources Planning  
8 Committee.

9           6. It eliminates the requirement that the Department of Environmental Protection  
10 report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
11 natural resources matters on low-emission vehicle standards.

12           7. It eliminates the requirement that the Department of Environmental Protection  
13 report to the Legislature regarding tire stockpiles.

14           8. It repeals the laws that establish and govern the Radioactive Waste Advisory  
15 Commission Fund, including a requirement that the Commissioner of Health and Human  
16 Services report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
17 jurisdiction over natural resources matters regarding the fund, to reflect the repeal of the  
18 laws that established and governed the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste and  
19 Decommissioning. It also amends a provision that refers to this repealed advisory  
20 commission.