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An Act To Reduce Registration Fees for Certain Generators of Biomedical Waste

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PINKHAM of Lexington Township.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1319-O, sub-§3, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 549, §6, is
3 further amended to read:

4 D. The board may assess licensing and registration fees sufficient to pay for the
5 department's administrative costs in regulating biomedical waste. The board shall
6 adopt rules to assess a one-time registration fee of \$50 for generators of less than 10
7 pounds of biomedical waste per month. The board may not adopt rules to assess an
8 annual registration fee for such generators. A generator registered as producing less
9 than 10 pounds of biomedical waste per month may not be reclassified based on
10 immunizations for annual influenza or mass immunizations for a pandemic. Rules
11 adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
12 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules
15 assessing a one-time registration fee of \$50 for generators of less than 10 pounds of
16 biomedical waste per month in lieu of the current rules that provide for an annual
17 registration fee. It also provides that a generator registered as producing less than 10
18 pounds of biomedical waste per month may not be reclassified based on immunizations
19 for annual influenza or mass immunizations for a pandemic.