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An Act To Protect Groundwater and Surface Water from Contamination

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

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Presented by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson. Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, WALSH INNES of Yarmouth.

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1303-C, sub-§19-D is enacted to read:

<u>19-D. Offal. "Offal" means organic waste generated at slaughterhouses and not</u> intended for human consumption, such as blood, entrails, skin, feathers and bones.

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Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1304, sub-§20 is enacted to read:

20. Rules; composting of offal. The board shall adopt rules relating to the composting of offal. The rules must include, but are not limited to, provisions to protect groundwater and surface water from contamination and to protect public health and safety. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

11 Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1306, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

12 7. Composting of offal. A site or facility composting offal may not accept volumes
13 in excess of 30 cubic yards in any 30-day period without first obtaining a license in
14 accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

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SUMMARY

16 This bill defines "offal." The bill also requires the Board of Environmental Protection 17 to adopt rules relating to the composting of offal. The bill also limits the volume of offal 18 that a hazardous waste site or facility may compost to 30 cubic yards in any 30-day 19 period without the site's or facility's first obtaining a license.