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House of Representatives, March 3, 2009

An Act To Protect Maine's Groundwater

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative ADAMS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and
Representatives: LEGG of Kennebunk, MORRISON of South Portland, TREAT of Hallowell,
WAGNER of Lyman, Senator: BRYANT of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §404-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§404-A. Interest in groundwater; protections**

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the people of this State have the same
5 common interest in groundwater as in fresh surface waters. Groundwater is due all the
6 same protections as fresh surface waters in the lakes and streams of this State.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill provides that the people of this State have the same common interest in
9 groundwater as in fresh surface waters. It also provides that groundwater is due all the
10 same protections as fresh surface waters in lakes and streams.