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NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1194, L.D. 1693, Bill, "An Act To Protect the Environment and Natural Resources of the State by Regulating the Discharge of Certain Substances into the Environment"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Regarding a Report on the Status of Federal Ship Ballast Water Discharge Rules'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Report; authority to submit a bill. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters by January 5, 2012 on the status of rulemaking by the United States Coast Guard relating to ship ballast water discharge. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters is authorized to submit a bill relating to ship ballast water discharge to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment directs the Department of Environmental Protection to report by January 5, 2012 on the status of rulemaking by the United States Coast Guard relating to ship ballast water discharge. The amendment also authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1693

LR 2339(02)

An Act To Protect the Environment and Natural Resources of the State by Regulating the Discharge of Certain Substances into the Environment

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This resolve requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to report on the status of rulemaking by the United States Coast Guard related to ship ballast water discharge to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by January 5, 2012. The DEP can perform this function within its existing budgeted resources.