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House of Representatives, March 28, 2011

An Act To Increase the Recycling Rate in Maine

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative WELSH of Rockport.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and
Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, DUCHESNE of Hudson,
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, KNAPP of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §2133, sub-§2-B**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 567, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **2-B. Household hazardous waste disposal.** From January 1, 2012 to December 31,
5 2017, a municipality shall semiannually receive and safely dispose of household
6 hazardous waste from residents of the municipality. The office shall provide assistance to
7 a municipality in establishing a household hazardous waste disposal program required
8 under this subsection. The office may, within available resources, award grants to
9 eligible municipalities, regional associations, sanitary districts and sewer districts for
10 household hazardous waste collection and disposal programs. In implementing this
11 program, the office shall attempt to:

12 A. Coordinate the household hazardous waste collection programs with overall
13 recycling and waste management;

14 B. Encourage regional economies of scale;

15 C. Coordinate programs between private and public institutions;

16 D. Maximize opportunities for federal grants and pilot programs; and

17 E. By January 1, 2002 and as necessary thereafter, fund capital improvements and
18 operating expenses to facilitate the development of collection programs throughout
19 the State for hazardous waste that is universal waste, as identified in board rules,
20 generated by households, small-quantity generators, public schools and
21 municipalities.

22 Preference in allocating resources under this subsection must be given to municipalities
23 that participate in a household hazardous waste collection region as defined in subsection
24 2-D.

25 At a minimum, the office shall award grants to public schools and municipalities for
26 reasonable costs incurred as a result of managing waste mercury-added products
27 generated by those public schools and municipalities, in compliance with the
28 requirements in sections 1663 and 1664, that would not otherwise be incurred by
29 complying with existing laws, rules or regulations as of July 15, 2002.

30 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §2133, sub-§6-A** is enacted to read:

31 **6-A. Corrugated cardboard.** A municipality with a population greater than 2,000
32 shall receive, recycle and, if possible, sell all corrugated cardboard disposed of in the
33 municipality. Funds derived from the sale of cardboard under this subsection must accrue
34 to the municipality to be applied to the expenses of the municipality in carrying out the
35 municipality's duties under this section. The office shall provide assistance to a
36 municipality in establishing a corrugated cardboard recycling program required under this
37 subsection.

38 **Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §2133, sub-§6-B** is enacted to read:

