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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1302, L.D. 1768, Bill, "An Act To Improve the Department of Environmental Protection's Annual Waste Discharge License Fee System"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation revises the Department of Environmental Protection's annual waste discharge license fee system; and

Whereas, in order to maintain a consistent cash flow into the waste discharge license fee account at the Department of Environmental Protection, one-quarter of the regulated community is billed in each quarter of the year; and

Whereas, if the revised fee schedule does not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, one-half of the regulated community will be billed under the current fee system and the other half will be billed under the revised system, creating inequity within the regulated community as to how fees are assessed; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



Approved: 02/14/12 *MAC*

125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1768

LR 2416(02)

An Act To Improve the Department of Environmental Protection's Annual Waste Discharge License Fee System

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-771)
Committee: Environment and Natural Resources
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$30,000)	(\$10,000)	\$10,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill simplifies the assessment of waste discharge license fees. DEP expects that the new fee schedule would produce less revenue than under the current fee structure during fiscal years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, but more in revenue during the following two fiscal years. Over the longer term, DEP estimates that the revised license fee system would generate approximately the same annual revenue as under the current fee system.