

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 545

House of Representatives, March 5, 2013

**An Act To Amend Setback Requirements and Standards Related to  
Species Migration under the Laws Regulating Development near  
Vernal Pools**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.  
Cosponsored by Senator BOYLE of Cumberland and  
Representatives: HOBBS of Saco, JOHNSON of Eddington, MALABY of Hancock,  
Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, TUTTLE of York.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to amend the laws regulating significant vernal pool habitat to  
6 account for species migration patterns. The bill proposes to change the area that is  
7 regulated as significant vernal pool habitat and the standards for development within the  
8 area regulated. Currently, pursuant to rules of the Department of Environmental  
9 Protection adopted pursuant to the Natural Resources Protection Act, the area regulated  
10 as significant vernal pool habitat includes the vernal pool depression and the area within a  
11 250-foot radius of the spring or fall high-water mark of the depression.