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4 STATE OF MAINE
5 SENATE
6 126TH LEGISLATURE
7 FIRST REGULAR SESSION

8 SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 418,
9 L.D. 1181, Bill, "An Act To Further Strengthen the Protection of Pregnant Women and
10 Children from Toxic Chemicals"

11 Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

12 Amend the amendment in section 7 in subsection 3-A in the first line (page 2, line 36
13 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Within" and inserting the following:
14 'Beginning July 1, 2015, within'

15 Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 8 and 9.

16 Amend the amendment in section 12 in subsection 8 in paragraph B in the 2nd line
17 (page 4, line 30 in amendment) by striking out the following: "or distributor"

18 Amend the amendment in section 12 in subsection 8 in paragraph B in subparagraph
19 (2) in the first line (page 4, line 35 in amendment) by striking out the following: "or
20 distributor"

21 Amend the amendment in section 12 in subsection 8 in the last blocked paragraph in
22 the 2nd line (page 5, line 7 in amendment) by striking out the following: "or distributor"

23 Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 13, 14 and 15 and inserting the
24 following:

25 '**Sec. 13. Existing resources and fee authority.** The Department of
26 Environmental Protection shall implement this Act within existing resources and existing
27 fee authority.'

28 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter
29 or section number to read consecutively.

30 SUMMARY

31 This amendment eliminates the fiscal impact of Committee Amendment "A" on the
32 Department of Environmental Protection by:

- 33 1. Deleting the mandate that the department respond to petitions from industry to
34 establish alternative reporting thresholds for chemicals in products;

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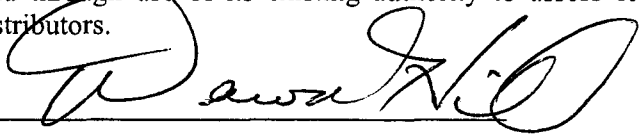
2. Deleting the mandate that the department respond to information submitted in support of adding chemicals to the lists of chemicals of concern, chemicals of high concern and priority chemicals;

3. Deleting the mandate that the department expand its education and assistance program and consult with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to review available information and consider further actions on chemicals in children's products;

4. Preventing the department from exercising its expanded discretionary authority before July 1, 2015 to adopt rules to require manufacturers and distributors to report to the State on their use of chemicals of high concern in children's products;

5. Limiting the scope of reporting of priority chemicals in food and beverage packaging to only the largest manufacturers by deleting "distributors" from the reporting requirements; and

6. Requiring the department to carry out the remaining provisions of the bill within existing resources and through use of its existing authority to assess fees on product manufacturers and distributors.

SPONSORED BY: 

(Senator HILL)

COUNTY: York

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

SENATE AMENDMENT



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1181

LR 1627(06)

An Act To Further Strengthen the Protection of Pregnant Women and Children from Toxic Chemicals

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment **A** to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Hill of York

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$180,170)	(\$193,052)	(\$198,246)	(\$203,595)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$180,170)	(\$193,052)	(\$198,246)	(\$203,595)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$586)	(\$781)	(\$781)	(\$781)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The amendment strikes the General Fund appropriations of \$180,170 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$193,052 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Department of Environmental Protection to fund one full-time Environmental Specialist IV position and one full-time Toxicologist position along with the associated administrative and technology costs related to implementing changes in the toxic chemicals in children's products program. It also eliminates the related Other Special Revenue Funds allocations to the department of \$586 and \$781 in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15, respectively.

The amendment eliminates several requirements in the bill, delays the impact of certain provisions and requires that the provisions in this bill be implemented within existing budgeted resources. The ability of the department to utilize existing staff and resources to implement the bill as amended without affecting other existing responsibilities can not be determined at this time.