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L.D. 568
(Filing No. H-66)

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 392, L.D. 568, Bill, "An Act To Protect Maine Lakes"

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

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §418-B is enacted to read:

§418-B. Prohibition on application of fertilizers near great ponds

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person may not apply a fertilizer containing phosphorus or nitrogen within 25 feet of the normal high-water line of a great pond, except that a person may apply a fertilizer containing phosphorus or nitrogen within 25 feet but not closer than 10 feet of the normal high-water line of a great pond if applying the fertilizer using a drop spreader, rotary spreader with a deflector or targeted spray liquid. As used in this section, "fertilizer" has the same meaning as in section 419, subsection 1, paragraph A-3.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and creates a prohibition on the application of fertilizers containing phosphorus or nitrogen within 25 feet of the normal high-water line of a great pond, except that a person may apply a fertilizer within 25 feet but not closer than 10 feet of the normal high-water line of a great pond using a drop spreader, rotary spreader with a deflector or targeted spray liquid.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 568

LR 1507(02)

An Act To Protect Maine Lakes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Environmental Protection from prohibiting fertilizer containing phosphorus or nitrogen from being applied within a certain number of feet of the normal high-water line of a great pond are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.