

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

2/27/18
R. 013

Date: 2-27-18

(Filing No. H-613)

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 290, L.D. 399, Bill, "An Act To Revise
Maine's Environmental Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Regarding Municipal Satellite Wastewater Collection Systems'

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §361-A, sub-§3-D is enacted to read:

3-D. Publicly owned treatment works. "Publicly owned treatment works" means a device or system for the treatment of pollutants that is owned by the State or a political subdivision thereof, a municipality, a district, a quasi-municipal corporation or another public entity. "Publicly owned treatment works" includes sewers, pipes or other conveyances only if they convey wastewater to a publicly owned treatment works providing treatment.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §414-B, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2001, c. 232, §12, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §414-D is enacted to read:

§414-D. Municipal satellite collection systems

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Municipal satellite collection system" or "system" means a wastewater collection system, owned or operated by a municipality or a quasi-municipal entity, that directly or indirectly conveys wastewater to a publicly owned treatment works that is owned or operated by a separate legal entity. "Municipal satellite collection system" includes a gravity sewer and a force main.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

A. of S.

1 B. "Unauthorized discharge" means a discharge of wastewater from a municipal
2 satellite collection system to any location other than the publicly owned treatment
3 works identified by the owner of the system pursuant to subsection 2.

4 **2. Registration.** The owner of a municipal satellite collection system shall register
5 the system with the department in accordance with this subsection on a form prepared and
6 furnished by the department. The registration process required under this subsection
7 must, at a minimum, require the owner of a municipal satellite collection system to
8 provide the department with the following information:

9 A. Contact information for the owner and the operator of the system;

10 B. Information on the publicly owned treatment works that the system discharges to;

11 C. Information on the geographic areas served by the system;

12 D. A basic map or schematic diagram of the system; and

13 E. System specifications, including, but not limited to, the number of miles of pipe
14 within the system, the number and location of pump stations within the system and
15 the number of customers served by the system.

16 **3. Report of unauthorized discharge.** The owner or operator of a municipal
17 satellite collection system shall report to the department any unauthorized discharge in
18 accordance with this subsection.

19 A. An initial report of the unauthorized discharge must be provided orally to the
20 department by the owner or operator of the system within 24 hours of the time the
21 owner or operator becomes aware of the discharge.

22 B. A written report of the unauthorized discharge must be provided to the department
23 by the owner or operator of the system within 5 days of the time the owner or
24 operator becomes aware of the discharge. The written report must be submitted on a
25 form prepared and furnished by the department and must contain information on the
26 unauthorized discharge including, but not limited to, the cause of the discharge, the
27 date and time of the discharge, the location of the discharge, information on any
28 water bodies that may be impacted by the discharge, the number of gallons of
29 wastewater discharged and, if the discharge has not been corrected at the time of the
30 written report, the anticipated amount of time that the discharge is expected to
31 continue and the steps that the owner or operator plans to implement to reduce and
32 eliminate the discharge and prevent a recurrence of the discharge.'

33 **SUMMARY**

34 This amendment changes the title and replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. It
35 requires the owner of a municipal satellite collection system to register the system with
36 the Department of Environmental Protection and requires the owner or operator of the
37 system to report to the department any unauthorized discharges of wastewater from the
38 system.

39 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

40 (See attached)



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 399

LR 1339(02)

An Act To Revise Maine's Environmental Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *ACH-613)*

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Environmental Protection to manage the registration and discharge reporting requirements associated with municipal satellite collection systems are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.