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L.D. 699
(Filing No. H-135)

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 490, L.D. 699, Bill, "An Act To Enact the Toxic Chemicals in the Workplace Act"

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

'Resolve, To Establish the Task Force on the Substitution of Highly Toxic Chemicals in the Workplace'

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

'Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved: That, no later than October 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Labor, referred to in this resolve as "the commissioner," shall convene a task force, referred to in this resolve as "the Task Force on the Substitution of Highly Toxic Chemicals in the Workplace" or "the task force," to develop procedures and guidelines to assist nonagricultural employers in implementing a program for the substitution of highly toxic and hazardous chemicals in the workplace; and be it further

Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That the membership of the task force is governed by this section.

- 1. The commissioner shall invite the participation of:
 - A. An equal number of nonmanagement employees and management employees or employers from manufacturing, retail and service industrial sectors;
 - B. An equal number of union representatives from trade unions representing manufacturing, retail and service industrial sectors and representatives of trade associations that represent those industrial sectors; and
 - C. One or more independent scientific experts with specialties in and knowledge of toxicology and the human health effects of occupational exposure to highly toxic and hazardous chemicals who do not receive remuneration from any industry or organization in exchange for their participation, except that the expert or experts may receive compensation from a college or university based in the State.
- 2. The commissioner may invite the participation of:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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An Act To Enact the Toxic Chemicals in the Workplace Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-135)
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Labor to convene a task force to develop procedures and guidelines related to implementing a program for the substitution of highly toxic and hazardous chemicals in the workplace and prepare a required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.