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L.D. 1258

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 421, L.D. 1258, Bill, "An Act To Modernize the Voluntary Response Action Program Funding Process"

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Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 15 by striking out all of the 3rd paragraph (page 1, lines 15 to 17 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

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'The fee for department assistance in submitting a voluntary response action plan under section 343-E is equal to 1% of the assessed value of the property at the time the request is submitted, except that the fee may not exceed \$15,000.'

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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'Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2018.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment amends the bill by basing the fee charged for assistance from the Department of Environmental Protection in submitting a voluntary response action plan on 1% of the assessed property value. The amendment also caps the fee at \$15,000 and adds a delayed effective date of January 1, 2018.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1258

LR 737(02)

An Act To Modernize the Voluntary Response Action Program Funding Process

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-76)
Committee: Environment and Natural Resources
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor savings - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill simplifies the fee charged for assistance from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in submitting a voluntary response action plan by basing the fee on 1% of the assessed value of the property up to a maximum of \$15,000, starting January 1, 2018. This upfront fee rather than a cost recovered fee will result in a minor cost savings to the Uncontrolled Sites Fund within the DEP.