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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 162, L.D. 199, Bill, "An Act To Create the Water Resources Planning Committee"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §6401 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in subparagraph (1) by inserting after division (a) a new division to read:

'(b) The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Agricultural Water Management Board;'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §6401 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in subparagraph (1) by relettering the divisions to read alphabetically.

Amend the bill in section 1 in §6401 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in subparagraph (2) by striking out all of divisions (g) and (h) (page 1, lines 29 and 30 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'(g) Water conservation education; and

(h) Stormwater management or wastewater management.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §6401 in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph B (page 1, lines 31 and 32, page 2, lines 1 to 38 and page 3, lines 1 to 14 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'B. The committee shall meet at least quarterly and report annually to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, beginning in August 2020. The committee shall plan for the sustainable use of water resources. The committee shall focus on:

(1) Collecting and reviewing information regarding water withdrawal activities;

(2) Coordinating state water resources information; and

(3) Identifying watersheds at risk by refining the most recent analysis of watersheds at risk performed by the Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning, Division of Geology, Natural Areas and Coastal Resources, Maine Geological Survey, including:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 199

LR 255(02)

An Act To Create the Water Resources Planning Committee

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A(H-87)"

Committee: Agriculture Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Public Utilities Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Department of Health and Human Services to participate in the Water Resources Planning Committee are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.