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In Senate, March 5, 2021

An Act To Prohibit the Purging of Volatile Organic Compound Gases from Oil Tankers in the Waters of Maine

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and
Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: DOUDERA of
Camden, EVANGELOS of Friendship, HEPLER of Woolwich, HUTCHINS of Penobscot,
McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §543-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§543-A. Purging of volatile organic compound gases prohibited**

4 The purging of volatile organic compound gases from cargo holds or tanks into or upon
5 state waters is prohibited.

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This bill prohibits the purging of volatile organic compound gases from cargo holds or
8 tanks into or upon state waters.