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H.P. 1231

House of Representatives, May 11, 2023

An Act to Impose a Moratorium on New Point Source Waste Discharge Licenses on the Lower Presumpscot River

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative BELL of Yarmouth. Cosponsored by Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, RIELLY of Westbrook, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

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

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2 Sec. 1. Lower Presumpscot River; discharge license moratorium. 3 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, until January 1, 2028, the 4 Department of Environmental Protection may not issue a waste discharge license under the 5 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 413 for a new discharge to the section of the 6 Presumpscot River from Saccarappa Falls to tidewater as identified in Title 38, section 467, 7 subsection 9, paragraph A, subparagraph (4).

SUMMARY

9 This bill imposes a moratorium, until January 1, 2028, on the issuance of waste 10 discharge licenses for new discharges to the Presumpscot River from Saccarappa Falls to 11 tidewater.