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**118th Legislature (1996-1998)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1944 / HP1391

An Act to Encourage the Use of Environmental Fines for Environmental Benefits.  
(Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)  
Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell; Cosponsored by Representative SHIAH of Bowdoinham. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources. Public Hearing 01/23/98. Majority (OTP-AM) Accepted 02/12/98. Amended by: CA H-786. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 02/25/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 570.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1944 \(118th Legis. 1998\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law**

[LD 1944 / PL 1997, c. 570](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-786\) \(LD 1944 1998\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

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**Enacted Law or Resolve**

[PL 1997, c. 570](#)

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