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An Act To Create a 5-year Statute of Limitations for Environmental Violations

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §347-A, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Limitations on enforcement actions. Notwithstanding Title 14, section 752, any enforcement action for civil or administrative penalties brought by the department or the Attorney General for a violation of this Title, of rules adopted under this Title or of the terms or conditions of a license, permit or order issued by the department must be initiated within 5 years of the date of the knowledge by the department or the Attorney General of the violation.

SUMMARY

This bill requires enforcement actions for violations of environmental laws to be brought by the Department of Environmental Protection or the Attorney General within 5 years of the date of knowledge by the department or the Attorney General of the violation.