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## **An Act To Expand the Duties of the State Planning Office To Provide Additional Services to Municipalities**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶N,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 393, Pt. B, §4, is further amended to read:

N. Coordinate the development of solid waste management policy including:

(1) Collecting and analyzing solid waste management and recycling data from all available sources including commercial and municipal entities;

(2) Preparing a solid waste management and recycling plan to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature by January 1, 1998 and every 5 years thereafter; and

(3) Providing technical and financial assistance to municipalities in waste reduction and recycling activities; and

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶O,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 625, Pt. A, §10, is amended to read:

O. Own, design, develop or operate, or contract with private parties to operate, a solid waste disposal facility, as provided in Title 38, chapter 24, subchapter IV-4; and

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶P** is enacted to read:

P. Provide, within existing resources, assistance to a municipality in the performance of its duties, including providing to a municipality:

(1) Legal opinions;

(2) Information and counsel on personnel issues;

(3) Advice and assistance on general assistance issues;

(4) A job bank; and

(5) Opportunities for cooperative purchasing.

## **SUMMARY**

This bill expands the duties of the Executive Department, State Planning Office to include the provision of services to municipalities similar to those provided by the Maine Municipal Association.