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

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

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

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

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

**SUMMARY**

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