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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 782, L.D. 1177, “Resolve, Establishing a 3-year Moratorium on the Installation or Reinstallation of Synthetic Turf and Requiring a Study of the Public Health and Environmental Risks of Synthetic Turf”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Study the Public Health and Environmental Risks from Synthetic Turf'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Department of Environmental Protection; synthetic turf study. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall conduct a study regarding the potential risks to public health and the environment from synthetic turf, which must include, but is not limited to:

- 1. An examination of end-of-life disposal options and practices for synthetic turf, including the rates of recycling for synthetic turf and the percentage of synthetic turf that is landfilled, incinerated or managed through chemical plastic processing, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1303-C, subsection 2-C, in the State and in other jurisdictions;
- 2. An evaluation of the effects of the use of synthetic turf on the surrounding ambient air, groundwater and surface water temperatures, as well as on the surrounding environment and organisms; and
- 3. An analysis of the rates of release of microplastics from synthetic turf over time and the effects of those microplastics on the surrounding environment and organisms and on human health.

In conducting the study, the department may solicit the assistance of any other state agency as well as input from environmental and public health specialists and other stakeholders.

For the purposes of this resolve, "synthetic turf" means ground cover resembling natural grass turf that is made of synthetic fiber constructed from plastic components and that is used to surface parks, outdoor playing fields and athletic fields, indoor athletic

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1 facilities and similar venues. "Synthetic turf" includes any similar material or composition
2 of materials used in place of natural grass turf for those purposes.

3 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2028, the Department of
4 Environmental Protection shall submit a report that includes its findings and
5 recommendations from the study under section 1, including any suggested legislation, to
6 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and
7 natural resources matters. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may
8 report out related legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

9 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
10 appropriations and allocations are made.

11 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

12 **Administration - Environmental Protection 0251**

13 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for contracted services.

14 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
15 All Other	\$100,000	\$0
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17 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$0

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19 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
20 section number to read consecutively.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment changes the title of and replaces the resolve. It directs the Department
23 of Environmental Protection to conduct a study regarding the potential risks to public health
24 and the environment from synthetic turf. No later than January 1, 2028, the department is
25 required to submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations from the study,
26 including any suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
27 having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters, which may report out
28 related legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

29 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

30 **(See attached)**