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**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 225, L.D. 508, “Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Review Its Environmental Permitting Laws”

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

**'Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Review Regulation of Waste Discharge from Finfish Aquaculture Facilities'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Review of finfish aquaculture waste discharge regulation. Resolved:** That the Department of Environmental Protection shall conduct a review of applicable state laws and rules regulating the licensing of waste discharge from proposed finfish aquaculture facilities, including any waste discharge modeling requirements or standards, and of prior and current waste discharge monitoring requirements imposed on licensed finfish aquaculture facilities in the State since 2004, including identification of any monitoring requirements imposed on those facilities that were subsequently removed and the basis for the removal. The department shall also develop recommendations for the establishment of minimum criteria or standards for waste discharge modeling required as part of a license application for a finfish aquaculture facility, which must be based on the department's knowledge of current best management practices for those facilities.

On or before January 15, 2024, the department shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources a report summarizing its review under this section and providing any recommendations, including any proposed legislation, resulting from the review. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.'

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**SUMMARY**

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2 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the resolve  
3 and changes the title. The amendment directs the Department of Environmental Protection  
4 to conduct a review of applicable state laws and rules regulating the licensing of waste  
5 discharge from proposed finfish aquaculture facilities, including any waste discharge  
6 modeling requirements or standards, and of prior and current waste discharge monitoring  
7 requirements imposed on licensed finfish aquaculture facilities since 2004, including  
8 identification of any monitoring requirements imposed on those facilities that were  
9 subsequently removed and the basis for the removal. It also directs the department to  
10 develop recommendations for the establishment of minimum criteria or standards for waste  
11 discharge modeling required as part of a license application for a finfish aquaculture  
12 facility, which must be based on the department's knowledge of current best management  
13 practices for those facilities.

14 On or before January 15, 2024, the department is required to submit to the Joint  
15 Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources a report summarizing the  
16 review and providing any recommendations, including any proposed legislation, resulting  
17 from the review. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation  
18 relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**

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