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An Act To Revise Oil Spill Reporting Standards

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §550, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 66, Pt. A, §18, is amended to read:

1. Report and remove. ~~Reports~~Except as provided in subsection 1-A, reports within 2 hours and promptly removes the discharge in accordance with the rules and orders of the board or commissioner; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §550, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Discharge less than 10 gallons; remove. For a discharge of less than 10 gallons, promptly removes the discharge in accordance with the rules and orders of the board or commissioner; and

SUMMARY

Current law provides that if a person discharges oil into or upon certain water bodies, lands adjacent to certain water bodies, public or private water supplies or sewers that person is not subject to fines or civil penalties if that person, in addition to taking other actions, reports the discharge. This bill exempts discharges of less than 10 gallons from the reporting requirement.