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House of Representatives, February 26, 2015

An Act To Extend the Funding Period for Landfill Closure Costs

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and
Representatives: BUCKLAND of Farmington, CAMPBELL of Orrington, HARLOW of
Portland, WELSH of Rockport, WHITE of Washburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1310-F, sub-§1-B, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 435, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 E. Notwithstanding paragraphs B, C and D, the state cost share is 75% of closure
5 costs, including landfill cover costs, incurred on or after July 1, 1994 and before
6 December 31, ~~2015~~ 2025, if:

7 (1) The commissioner originally issued a license on or before September 1, 1989
8 for operation of the landfill and found that the landfill met the design
9 requirements and environmental protection standards at the time of licensing; and

10 (2) The commissioner has since determined that the landfill or portion of the
11 landfill must be closed based on the finding that the landfill is contaminating
12 groundwater and that corrective actions have not been successful.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 Under current law, the Department of Environmental Protection pays 75% of certain
15 landfill closure costs incurred on or after July 1, 1994 and before December 31, 2015.
16 This bill extends that time period to December 31, 2025.