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In Senate, February 5, 2019

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Funding for Landfill Closure Costs

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town and
Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MIRAMANT of Knox,
Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, TIPPING of Orono.

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 amended by PL 2015, c. 302, §1,
3 is further 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, 2025, if:

7 (1) The commissioner originally issued a license on or before September 1, 1989
8 or accepted a license application for processing on or before September 1, 1989
9 that was approved by the commissioner within one year of acceptance for
10 processing for operation of the landfill and found that the landfill met the design
11 requirements and environmental protection standards at the time of licensing; and

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

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill extends the eligibility period for closure costs for a landfill that currently
17 applies only to a landfill licensed on or before September 1, 1989. The bill provides that
18 if a license application for a landfill was accepted for processing on or before September
19 1, 1989 and the application was approved by the Commissioner of Environmental
20 Protection within one year of accepting the application for processing, the landfill is
21 eligible for payment of 75% of certain closure costs by the Department of Environmental
22 Protection.