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**STATE OF MAINE
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130TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 339, L.D. 463, “An Act To Better House Maine Residents”

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

'An Act To Establish the Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Testing Reimbursement Fund for the Purpose of Testing Residential Property Wells'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Fund created. The Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Testing Reimbursement Fund is established within the Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of providing reimbursement until June 30, 2023 to a residential property owner for the cost of a test to determine levels of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 1732, subsection 5-A, contamination conducted on the residential property owner’s well water. The department may use existing criteria and procedures established by the department to provide reimbursement for residential well water testing, to the extent resources are available, except that the reimbursement may not be contingent upon the level, if any, of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances found in the well water in the result of the test.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF
Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Testing Reimbursement Fund N954**
Initiative: Provides funding for the purpose of reimbursing residential property owners for tests conducted on well water to determine levels of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, contamination.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$1,000,000

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	_____	\$0	_____	\$1,000,000
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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. The amendment creates the Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Testing Reimbursement Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection to provide reimbursement to a residential property owner for the cost of a test to determine levels of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination conducted on the residential property owner’s well water until June 30, 2023. The amendment also appropriates \$1,000,000 in funding.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)