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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1003, L.D. 1453, Bill, “An Act To Regulate Hydraulic Fracturing To Prevent Threats to Maine's Drinking Water”

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

'An Act To Prohibit Hydraulic Fracturing To Prevent Threats to Maine's Drinking Water'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA c. 3, sub-c. 1, art. 10 is enacted to read:

ARTICLE 10

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

§490-WW. Definition

As used in this article, unless the context otherwise indicates, "hydraulic fracturing" means a stimulation technique used to increase production of oil and gas involving the injection of fluids under pressures great enough to fracture the oil-producing and gas-producing rock formations.

§490-XX. Prohibition on hydraulic fracturing

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a person may not perform or cause to be performed hydraulic fracturing in the State.

§490-YY. Prohibition on importation of wastes from hydraulic fracturing

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a person may not transport any hydraulic fracturing wastewater, waste product or by-product resulting from

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1 hydraulic fracturing exploration or production into the State for the purpose of treatment,
2 discharge, disposal or storage.'

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, changes the title,
5 removes the emergency preamble and clause and replaces the bill. It prohibits hydraulic
6 fracturing in the State and prohibits the transportation of hydraulic fracturing wastewater,
7 waste products or by-products into the State for the purpose of treatment, discharge,
8 disposal or storage.