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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1229, L.D. 1784, Bill, “An Act To Update the Laws Governing the Department of Environmental Protection's Rule-making Authority Concerning Underground Oil Storage Facilities To Align with Federal Regulations”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, in October 2015, the United States Environmental Protection Agency completed revisions to the federal regulations concerning technical standards and corrective action requirements for owners and operators of underground oil storage tanks; and

Whereas, states that have been delegated or authorized to administer federal programs must adopt regulations that are no less stringent than applicable federal requirements within 3 years from the date that any revisions to those federal requirements are adopted; and

Whereas, the State has been delegated or authorized to administer the federal regulations governing underground oil storage tanks since July 1992; and

Whereas, the State must adopt several revisions to its statutory provisions and corresponding rules regarding underground oil storage facilities no later than October 2018 in order to maintain its delegated status; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

