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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1315, L.D. 1826, Bill, “An Act To Protect the State's Authority in Issues Concerning Federal Relicensing of Dams Located in the State”

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

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §638 is enacted to read:

§638. Notice of relicensing deadline

By January 15, 2015, and annually thereafter, the department shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters a report describing all pending applications for water quality certification under Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act for dams located in the State that are subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The report submitted under this section must include, for each pending application, the filing date of the application, the respective response deadline for the department and a short statement describing the department’s plan to address that deadline. The report must also include a list of the licensing or relicensing deadlines for the dams described in this section that are anticipated to occur within 5 years after the date of the report and, if applicable, the department’s plan to address each deadline.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It directs the Department of Environmental Protection to, by January 15, 2015 and annually thereafter, submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters a report describing all pending applications for water quality certification under Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act for dams located in the State that are subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The amendment further directs the department to include within the report certain information relating to pending

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1 applications as well as licensing or relicensing deadlines anticipated to occur within 5
2 years after the date of the report.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)