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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 266, L.D. 649, “An Act to Promote Water Conservation and Water Quality and Create Habitat for Wildlife, Including Pollinator Species, by Protecting Low-impact Landscaping”

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

'Sec. 1. 33 MRSA c. 28-B is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 28-B

PROTECTION OF LOW-IMPACT LANDSCAPING

§1451. Protection of low-impact landscaping

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Condominium" has the same meaning as in section 1601-103, subsection (7).

B. "Low-impact landscaping" means landscaping techniques that conserve water, lower maintenance costs, provide pollution prevention and create habitat for wildlife. "Low-impact landscaping" includes gardens and other features designed to attract wildlife generally and pollinator species more specifically; rain gardens and other features that use natural biological principles to return rainwater to the soil and to filter rainwater of excess nutrients; and other forms of landscaping or gardening that reduce or eliminate the need for supplemental water from irrigation.

C. "Real estate subject to common ownership" means residential real estate, portions of which are designated for separate ownership and the remainder of which is designated for common ownership solely by the owners of those portions and that common ownership is in the form of undivided interests in that common portion.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

