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House of Representatives, February 5, 2019

An Act Regarding the Department of Transportation's Use of Sediment Erosion Control Systems

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.
Cosponsored by Senator FOLEY of York and
Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, FAY of Raymond, LYFORD of Eddington,
PERKINS of Oakland, TUCKER of Brunswick, VEROW of Brewer, Senators: BLACK of
Franklin, GRATWICK of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §709** is enacted to read:

3 **§709. Sediment erosion control**

4 For any Department of Transportation project that involves the use of a sediment
5 erosion control system, the department must specify either a biodegradable or
6 nonbiodegradable sediment erosion control system. If a nonbiodegradable sediment
7 erosion control system is used in a department project, the sediment erosion control
8 system must be removed within 90 days of the project's completion.

9 As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "biodegradable" means
10 a substance that can be broken down physically or chemically by microorganisms.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires the Department of Transportation to specify whether a
13 biodegradable or nonbiodegradable sediment erosion control system will be used for a
14 project by the department and requires that nonbiodegradable sediment erosion control
15 systems be removed with 90 days of a project's completion.