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An Act To Revise Oil Spill Reporting Standards

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, CHIPMAN of Portland,
JORGENSEN of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §550, sub-§1**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 66, Pt.
3 A, §18, is amended to read:

4 **1. Report and remove.** ~~Reports~~ Except as provided in subsection 1-A, reports
5 within 2 hours and promptly removes the discharge in accordance with the rules and
6 orders of the board or commissioner; ~~and~~

7 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §550, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

8 **1-A. Discharge less than 10 gallons; remove.** For a discharge of less than 10
9 gallons, promptly removes the discharge in accordance with the rules and orders of the
10 board or commissioner; and

11 **SUMMARY**

12 Current law provides that if a person discharges oil into or upon certain water bodies,
13 lands adjacent to certain water bodies, public or private water supplies or sewers that
14 person is not subject to fines or civil penalties if that person, in addition to taking other
15 actions, reports the discharge. This bill exempts discharges of less than 10 gallons from
16 the reporting requirement.