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An Act To Require the Department of Environmental Protection To Exclude Repeat Violators of Environmental Laws from Receiving State Contracts

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §349-B is enacted to read:

§ 349-B. Debarment from state contracts

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

A. <u>"Repeat violation" means a violation of a legal requirement after having been previously</u> adjudicated of having violated the same requirement.

2. **Debarment.** The commissioner shall, after hearing, debar from participation in state contracts for 2 years any person found to have committed a repeat violation of this Title, of rules adopted under this Title or of the terms or conditions of a license, permit or order issued by the board or the commissioner when either the time for filing an appeal of the determination of that violation has expired or the appeals process has been exhausted.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to debar from state contracts for 2 years any person that commits a repeat violation of environmental laws.