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Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

Amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect immediately so that the banks of the Kennebec River will be preserved; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §490-D, sub-§5-A, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 287, §11, is amended to read:

A. A natural buffer strip at least 100 feet wide must be maintained between the working edge of the excavation and the normal high water line of a great pond classified as GPA or a river flowing to a great pond classified as GPA or a segment of the Kennebec River identified in Title 12, section 403, subsection 7.

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §490-Z, sub-§5, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 700, §35, is amended to read:

A. A natural buffer strip at least 100 feet wide must be maintained between the working edge of the excavation and the normal high water line of a great pond classified as GPA or a river flowing to a great pond classified as GPA or a segment of the Kennebec River identified in Title 12, section 403, subsection 7.

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 2 the following:

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

## SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause. This amendment requires that a 100-foot-wide natural buffer be maintained between the working edge of an excavation for borrow, clay, topsoil or silt and the normal high water line of a segment of the Kennebec River identified in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 403, subsection 7.

This amendment also requires that a 100-foot-wide natural buffer be maintained between the working edge of a quarry excavation and the normal high water line of a segment of the Kennebec River identified in Title 12, section 403, subsection 7.