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An Act To Encourage Recycling

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway.
Cosponsored by Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to impose a fee of \$15 per ton on the disposal of solid waste at
6 solid waste disposal facilities and solid waste processing facilities. The fee is also
7 imposed on the movement of solid waste from one solid waste facility to another solid
8 waste facility. Under the bill, no category of solid waste may be exempted from the fee
9 and the fee must be paid to the State. Revenue from the fee must be distributed as
10 follows.

11 1. The first priority must be given to providing grants to municipalities for costs
12 related to the fee:

13 A. For recyclable materials, a municipality may receive grants equal to 1.3 times the
14 fee paid by the municipality for disposal of the recyclable materials;

15 B. For all other materials, a municipality may receive grants equal to the fee paid by
16 the municipality for disposal of the materials; and

17 C. The total grants awarded to municipalities may not exceed the total revenue
18 collected from the \$15 per ton fee.

19 2. Revenue in excess of municipal grants must be distributed to school districts. The
20 amount distributed to each school district must be computed by dividing the revenue from
21 the fee in excess of grants to municipalities by the total number of students in
22 prekindergarten to 12th grade in the State and multiplying the quotient by the number of
23 students in the school district.