

STATE OF MAINE

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 H.P. 105 - L.D. 147

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 500:
 Stormwater Management, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of
 Environmental Protection**

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

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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, be it

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 500: Stormwater Management, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized only if the following changes are made:

1. The rule must be amended in section 4, subsection E to clarify, for the purposes of the urban impaired stream standard, that where there is a department-approved management and monitoring plan in place and monitoring demonstrates that a stressor in the watershed, which may be either a pollutant or a failure to meet a water quality standard, is contributing to the impairment of the urban impaired stream, the department may require the applicant to use alternative or additional stormwater treatment measures to address the identified stressor; and

2. The rule must be amended in section 14 to extend the permit shield provision to the implementation of innovative measures to increase the probability that low-impact development measures will be installed.

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