

Preliminary List of Laws passed from 2000-2010 that Governor LePage's Phase I Regulatory Reform Proposals Would Weaken or Eliminate:

2010

- **Rule to restrict the use of the toxic chemical bisphenol-A (BPA) in baby bottles, sippy cups, water bottles and reusable food containers.** Passed unanimously by the Board of Environmental Protection and already the law for states comprising 50% of the nation's population.
- **Clean air law to reduce sulfur dioxide pollution, and associated asthma attacks, acid rain and poor visibility due to haze** - LD 1662: An Act To Improve Maine's Air Quality and Reduce Regional Haze at Acadia National Park and Other Federally Designated Class I Areas
- **Law to create transparent process for identifying candidate products for producer-financed collection and recycling programs** - LD 1631: An Act To Provide Leadership Regarding the Responsible Recycling of Consumer Products
- **Resolve for DEP to report on best practices to reduce dependency on fossil fuels and promote energy efficiency in new, large-scale commercial development projects** - LD 891 Resolve, To Develop Practices for Development of State and Regional Significance in Order To Reduce Dependency on Fossil Fuels and Meet the State's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Goals

2009

- **Law to reduce mercury pollution by having lamps manufacturers collect and recycle mercury-containing light bulbs** - LD 973: An Act to Provide for the Safe Collection and Recycling of Mercury-containing Lighting
- **Law to ensure adequate fish passage for Maine's native fisheries when new culverts are created for new roads.** LD 1333: An Act to Ensure that Replacement Culverts Permit Fish Passage

2008

- **Maine's Kid-Safe Products Act - identifies and phases out the "worst of the worst" toxic chemicals in everyday products that threaten children's health** - LD 2048: An Act To Protect Children's Health and the Environment from Toxic Chemicals in Toys and Children's Products

2007

- **"Deca." Law to replace toxic brominated flame retardant with safer alternatives.** LD 1658: An Act To Protect Pregnant Women and Children from Toxic Chemicals Released into the Home
- **Law to prevent sprawl and protect Maine's community character by requiring certain large scale developments to conduct economic-impact analysis on local communities.** LD 1810: An Act To Enact the Informed Growth Act (based on LD #1810: Conserving Maine's Character and Combating Sprawl)
- **Law to reduce pollution and promote sustainable reuse and recycling by requiring cell phone providers to recycle cell phones at retail locations.**

2006

- **Law to help protect significant vernal pools, high and moderate value wading bird and waterfowl habitat, and shorebird nesting, feeding and staging areas.** LD 1981: Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 335: Significant Wildlife Habitat, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

- **Law to reduce mercury pollution by having mercury thermostat manufacturers provide incentives for recycling thermostats at participating wholesalers and retailers** - LD 1792: An Act to Protect Maine Families and the Environment by Improving the Collection and Recycling of Mercury Thermostats

2005

- **Law to prevent lead poisoning through funding for remediation and direct education on lead-safe work practices to contractors and homeowners; funding raised through 25 cent fee on a gallon of paint** - LD 1034: An Act to Prevent Lead Poisoning of Children and Adults

2004

- **Maine's e-waste recycling law. Law to have electronics manufacturers finance the collection and recycling of used electronics.** Law has saved taxpayers more than \$9.6 million dollars and prevented more than 3.3 million pounds of lead and other toxic materials from entering the waste stream and our environment. LD #1892: An Act to Protect Public Health and the Environment by Providing for a System of Shared Responsibility for the Safe Collection of Electronic Waste
- **Law to phase out the toxic brominated flame retardants, octa and penta-BDE in favor of safer alternatives.** This law also created a review process to study phasing out the last commercial PBDE flame retardant, deca-BDE.

2003

- **Law to phase out pressure-treated wood containing arsenic in favor of safer arsenic-free products.** LD 1309: An Act To Protect Human Health by Reducing Exposure to Arsenic

2002

- **Law to prevent mercury pollution by requiring automakers to pay for recovery and safe disposal of mercury-containing switches from vehicles before they are scrapped** - LD 1921: An Act to Prevent Mercury Emissions when Recycling and Disposing of Motor Vehicles
- **Law requiring that Maine dentists install equipment to capture 98% of mercury from dental amalgams before it enters waste water.**

2001

- **Law that bans the sale of mercury-added switches, relays, measuring devices and instruments, and helped improve recovery of old mercury thermostats** - LD 1665: An Act to Further Reduce Emissions of Mercury from Consumer Products

Additional:

- **Removes all environmental standards for new permitting under the Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC).**
- **Rezoned at least 3 million acres of Maine's North Woods for development.**
- **Scraps the current LURC Comprehensive Land Use Plan which is intended to guide development in the North Woods.**
- **Require every proposed development be rushed through for a permit in 30 days,** a pace that would likely be impossible for DEP staff to manage the workload, or ensure that proposals meet minimum legal requirements, or for citizens to have input.
- **Eliminate Maine's right to choose its own environmental safeguards,** by weakening our environmental protections to bare minimum requirements in federal law.