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**An Act To Authorize the Department of Environmental
Protection To Exclude Repeat Violators of Environmental
Laws from Receiving Contracts with the Department**

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

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

§ 349-B. Debarment from department contracts

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

A. "Repeat violation" means a violation of any legal requirement under this Title, or 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 a previous violation of any legal requirement under this Title, or rules adopted under this Title, or of the terms or conditions of a license, permit or order issued by the board or the commissioner was found.

2. Debarment. The commissioner may, after hearing, debar from participation in contracts with the department for 2 years any person found to have committed a repeat violation when either the time for filing an appeal of the determination of that violation has expired or the appeals process has been exhausted.

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