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Amend the bill by inserting after the title and 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,** under the authority of the federal Clean Water Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has required permits for storm water discharges in the Long Creek watershed; and

**Whereas,** the United States Environmental Protection Agency has delegated the administration of the permit program to the Department of Environmental Protection; and

**Whereas,** the Department of Environmental Protection has issued a general permit that will provide affected property owners or operators with permit coverage if they are participating in implementation of the Long Creek Watershed Management Plan; and

**Whereas,** affected property owners or operators will be required to have permit coverage by July 2010; and

**Whereas,** an entity to administer the implementation of the Long Creek Watershed Management Plan must be formed and this Act facilitates the formation of such an entity; 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 bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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

## SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.