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Proposed amendment to majority report – Senator Brenner

Proposed amendment to the majority OTP-AM report would include the following changes:

- 1. Remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause** (bill would become general legislation, effective 90 days after adjournment sine die of this legislative session)
- 2. Amend Section 4 prohibitions to incorporate the following additional exclusions**
 - Prohibitions do not apply to land application/composting of residuals generated as a result of the processing of food, food waste, crops or vegetative material or the brewing of malt liquor/hard cider or distilling of spirits, including, but not limited to, blueberries, apples, potatoes, seaweed, fish and seafood and spent grain and malt, provided those residuals are not mixed with sewage, industrial sludge, septage or sanitary wastewater prior to or during land application or composting.
 - Prohibitions do not apply to land application/composting of sludge resulting from the production of precipitated calcium carbonate, commonly known as “lime mud.”
- 3. Remove Sections 5 and 6 of report and instead repeal the existing \$10/ton fee on the handling of sludge and septage under 38 MRSA §1310-B-1** (i.e., LD 1600 as enacted)
 - Additional amendments to current §1310-B-1 will be required to remove references to the sludge/septage handling fee being repealed.
 - This change will result in no additional State fees being placed upon the handling or disposal of sludge and septage other than as provided for under other existing laws (e.g., 38 MRSA §2203-A).
- 4. Remove new sections of the report and associated appropriations/allocations that establish a new State fund to provide financial assistance to municipalities/quasi-municipal entities affected by the sludge land application/composting prohibition** (i.e., there will be no such municipal assistance fund established by the bill)