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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Restricting the Sale or Use of Detergents Containing Phosphate.

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

R. S., T. 38, § 418, additional. Title 38 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 418 to read as follows:

§ 418. Cleaning agents containing phosphate banned

1. Definitions.

A. Dairy equipment. "Dairy equipment", as used in this section, means equipment used by farmers or processors for the manufacture or processing of milk and dairy products.

B. Food processing equipment. "Food processing equipment", as used in this section, means equipment used for the processing and packaging of food for sale, except that equipment used at restaurants and similar places of business shall not be included within the meaning of "food processing equipment."

C. High phosphorous detergent. "High phosphorous detergent", as used in this section, means any detergent, presoak, soap, enzyme or other cleaning agent containing more than 8.7% phosphorous, by weight.

D. Industrial equipment. "Industrial equipment", as used in this section, means equipment used by industrial concerns which concerns are located on any brook, stream or river.

E. Person. "Person", as used in this section, means any individual, firm, association, partnership, corporation, municipality, quasi-municipal organization, agency of the State or other legal entity.

2. Prohibition. No person shall sell or use any high phosphorous detergent after June 1, 1972.

3. Exception. Subsection 2 shall not apply to any high phosphorous detergent sold and used for the purpose of cleaning dairy equipment, food processing equipment and industrial equipment.

4. Penalty. Any person who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 for each violation.