

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 835

S. P. 288

In Senate, February 14, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Clifford of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Specify the Date for Closing of Open Burning Dumps in Maine.

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

R. S., T. 38, § 361, amended. Section 361 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new sentence at the end of the 8th paragraph to read as follows:

No open burning dump in the State of Maine shall be required, by regulation, to terminate the burning of refuse before July 1, 1976.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The present air quality regulations of the Maine Board of Environmental Protection require the closing of all open burning dumps in the State by July 1, 1974. It is virtually impossible for alternative methods of solid waste disposal, e.g. sanitary landfill, recycling, etc., to be designed, funded and implemented by this date. This bill would extend the present deadline, set by administrative regulation, by 2 years to allow ample time to meet the needs of Maine's citizens for clean air.