

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 98**

H. P. 87

House of Representatives, January 16, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Prescott of Hampden.

Cosponsor: Ms. Brown of Gorham.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Require Sand, Gravel, Peat and Other Fill Transported by Truck to  
be Covered.**

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

**29 MRSA § 1752, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 32, is further amended by inserting after the 2nd sentence a new sentence to read:

**Dirt, gravel, loam, peat, sand or other fill, or combination thereof, transported by any motor vehicle shall be covered adequately to prevent spillage.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to reduce the danger of motor vehicle accidents and personal injury resulting from sand, gravel, dirt, etc. that falls from moving trucks. In a number of municipalities in which there are sand, gravel and other types of land pits, trucks transporting these materials spill significant amounts of their loads. In addition, pollution is caused by road dust, and in some cases there are areas which fail to meet the clean air standards apparently caused by road dust.