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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT to Prohibit the Generation of Electric Power by Means of Nuclear Fission.

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

10 MRSA c. 4, sub-c. II is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER II

NUCLEAR FISSION CONTROL ACT

§ 260. Title

This subchapter shall be known as the Nuclear Fission Control Act.

§ 261. Policy and purpose

The people of the State of Maine declare:

A. That the generation of electric power at nuclear fission thermal power plants presents an inherent and unreasonable risk of economic, physical and mental harm to the people of the State of Maine;

B. That the magnitude of risk inherent in the continued or expanded operation of nuclear fission power plants substantially exceeds the degree of risk attending the production of electric power by alternative energy technologies;

C. That the construction and operation of nuclear fission power plants has

been premature in the face of a technology which has not adequately resolved the issues of real cost; radioactive waste disposal; low-level radioactive emissions; plant security; plant decommissioning; fuel-rod reprocessing; air pollution; transportation of radioactive by-products and evacuation.

§ 262. Prohibition

The generation of electric power by nuclear fission thermal power plants in the State of Maine is hereby prohibited.

§ 263. Application

This subchapter shall apply to the generation of power at existing as well as proposed nuclear power plant facilities.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to protect the economic, physical and mental interests of the people of the State of Maine from **per se** unreasonable risks which presently attend the process of nuclear fission due to deficient technology and planning.