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10   STATE OF MAINE
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12   IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
13   NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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15   AN ACT to Require Safety Information
16   with Wood Stoves and Furnaces.
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18   Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

19   25 MRSA §2465 is enacted to read:

20   §2465.   Safety instruction manuals

21   1.   Instruction manual provided.   Any person who   sells
22   a   wood,   coal   or other   solid fuel stove or furnace in   retail
23   trade shall   provide   the buyer   at the time of   sale   with   an
24   approved   instruction   manual   for its   safe installation   and
25   operation.   The instruction manual is subject to approval by
26   the   State   Fire   Marshal   and   shall   contain   recommended
27   clearances   the same as those prescribed   in the then current
28   edition   of   National   Fire   Protection   Association   Code   #211,
29   "The Standards of Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents and Solid Fuel
30   Burning Appliances."   In the event the manufacturer does not
31   supply   an adequate   instruction manual, an authorized   publi-
32   cation by the State Fire Marshal may be provided instead.

1   2. **Failure to provide instruction manual.** Any person
2 who fails to provide an instruction manual in accordance
3 with subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which a for-
4 feiture of $100 shall be adjudged for the first violation.
5 For subsequent violations, the civil penalty shall be not
6 less than $300 nor more than $800. In addition, any viola-
7 tion of this section constitutes a violation of Title 5,
8 chapter 10.

9   STATEMENT OF FACT

10   Improper installation and operation of wood stoves
11 presents a severe fire hazard. This bill requires the
12 seller of a wood, coal or other solid fuel stove or furnace
13 to provide the buyer with adequate safety information at the
14 time of sale.

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