

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 748

H.P. 557

House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

An Act to Prohibit Residential Burning of Domestic, Household Trash.

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BULL of Freeport.
Cosponsored by Representative JONES of Greenville.

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §9324, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 504,
4 §4, is amended to read:

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6. Domestic trash. Residential burning of highly
combustible domestic, household trash in incinerators is allowed
8 ~~prohibited where no municipal property tax supported trash~~
~~collection service is available or will accept those materials~~
10 ~~provided that the incinerator has been inspected and approved by~~
~~a municipal fire chief, town forest fire warden or forest ranger~~
12 ~~using minimum criteria established by the director for safe fire~~
~~operation.~~

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Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §9325, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1991, c.
16 36, §4, is repealed.

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SUMMARY

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Current law allows residential open burning of highly
22 combustible household trash, if a municipal trash collection
service is not available.

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This bill prohibits all residential burning of household
26 trash.