

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
BILL SUMMARY



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373	AN ACT TO LIMIT THE STORAGE OF SPENT FUEL AT NUCLEAR REACTOR FACILITIES	Martin	HELD IN COMMITTEE
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SUMMARY: As amended by the committee, this bill set the allowable number of spent fuel assemblies at a level consistent with expansion by reracking, but not pin compaction at Maine Yankee Atomic Power Plant. This number also is sufficient to allow on-site storage until July 1, 1992, when, under present law, the Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 166, all spent fuel which has been removed from the core for more than 3 years must be removed from the plant site. This number is also large enough to respect the wishes of those who voted to keep the plant open, but small enough to avoid the danger of the plant becoming a de facto permanent storage site.

Prior to signing the legislation, the Governor requested an Attorney General's opinion on the constitutionality of the Act. The opinion concluded that the bill was an unconstitutional infringement of federal supremacy over regulation nuclear power. The bill was recommitted to the Legislature, and is being held over for consideration during the Second Regular Session.

434	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL MAINE CLEAN WATER WEEK	Usher	PL 1983, c. 76
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SUMMARY: Designates the first week in June each year as Maine Clean Water Week.

471	AN ACT TO CREATE A LAND USE HEARING EXAMINER	Soule	LV/WD
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472	AN ACT TO LICENSE WASTE OIL DEALERS AND TO INCLUDE WASTE OIL WITHIN COVERAGE OF THE MAINE HAZARDOUS WASTE FUND	Mitchell, J	PL 1982, c. 342
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SUMMARY: Permits the Department of Environmental Protection to license the transportation, collection and storage of waste oil. It also includes waste oil within the fire structure of the Hazardous Waste Fund, imposing a 1 cent per gallon fee on waste oil that is sold or disposed of by Maine dealers, and up to 2 cents per gallon for waste oil transported into Maine.

473	AN ACT CONCERNING ZONING VARIANCE APPROVAL	Livesay	LV/WD
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474	AN ACT RELATING TO TRANS- PORTATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE	Rolde, N	LV/WD
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