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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 964

H. P. 719

House of Representatives, February 18, 1971

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. MacLeod of Bar Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Relating to the Certification of Wastewater Treatment Plant
Operators.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, § 4171, sub-§§ 3 and 4, repealed and replaced. Subsections 3 and 4 of section 4171 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 237 of the public laws of 1969, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

3. **Operators.** "Operators" shall include any person who has responsibility for the operation of any wastewater treatment plant.

4. **Wastewater treatment plant.** "Wastewater treatment plant" shall mean the facility or group of units provided for the treatment of wastewater, sewage and industrial wastes or any combination thereof.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 32, § 4172, amended. Section 4172 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 237 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

§ 4172. Classification

The commission shall classify all wastewater treatment plants ~~actually used or intended for use by the public~~ with due regard to the size, type, character of wastewater to be treated and other physical conditions affecting such treatment plants and shall specify the qualifications the operator in responsible charge must have to supervise successfully the operation of said facilities so as to protect the public health or prevent nuisance conditions or unlawful pollution.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 32, § 4173, repealed and replaced. Section 4173 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 237 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 4173. Certification

The commission shall certify persons as to their competency to supervise successfully the operation of wastewater treatment plants.

1. **Exemptions.** No certification shall be required of an operator who supervises the operation of a wastewater treatment plant having a daily discharge of 5,000 gallons or less, unless the commission shall find that the public health or the prevention of nuisance conditions or unlawful pollution so requires.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 32, § 4178, repealed and replaced. Section 4178 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 237 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 4178. Application

This chapter shall apply to all wastewater treatment plants.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to revise the laws relating to wastewater treatment plants and operators thereof to include all plants and operators within the purview of the statute.