

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1096**

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H. P. 822

House of Representatives, February 24, 1971

On motion of Mr. Evans of Freedom, referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Whitson of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Relating to the Disposal of Manure.

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

R. S., T. 38, § 418, additional. Title 38 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 418, to read as follows:

§ 418. Deposits of manure

No person, firm, corporation or other legal entity shall deposit animal or poultry manure into any inland or tidal waters, nor, between the 15th day of November in any year and the 15th day of April in the year following, deposit any such manure on any land in such manner that the drainage therefrom may enter any inland or tidal waters. Whoever deposits any such manure on any land after the 15th day of April in any year shall plow the same into the land prior to the 15th day of November in the same year.

STATEMENT OF FACT

As animal and poultry-raising operations become more centralized, the problem of manure disposal has become increasingly difficult. Inadequate planning for manure disposal has resulted in water pollution violations and complaints by the public. This bill, while recognizing the value of manure as fertilizer, nonetheless seeks to regulate the application of manure for fertilizer purposes in a manner which will prevent water pollution.

The most serious manure pollution problems occur during the winter when the ground is frozen, and this bill would prohibit manure disposal during those months where the drainage would find its way into any waters.

Criminal penalties and civil remedies for violation of this section appear in existing law at sections 451, 453 and 454 of Title 38.