

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1608

H. P. 1163

House of Representatives, March 17, 1971

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelley of Caribou.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Amending Standards for Electrical Installations and Electrical
Equipment.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, § 2551, amended. The first sentence of section 2551 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

This subchapter shall apply to all installations of electrical conductors, fittings, devices and fixtures, hereinafter referred to as "electrical equipment," made after August 6, 1949, within or on public and private buildings and premises, **including mobile homes**, with the following general exceptions which are applicable to all provisions of this subchapter:

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 2551, sub-§§ 3 and 4, repealed. Subsections 3 and 4 of section 2551 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes are repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 30, § 2553, repealed and replaced. Section 2553 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 2553. Standards of installation

All installations of electrical equipment shall be safe to persons and property, meet the standards of the National Electrical Code, comply with the applicable state statutes, and conform to applicable city or town ordinances, regulations, rules and orders not in conflict herewith.

The Insurance Commissioner may authorize installations of special wiring for purposes of obtaining field experience under controlled conditions in territory where electrical inspection is provided.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 30, § 2554, repealed and replaced. Section 2554 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 2554. Standards of equipment installed or used

All electrical equipment installed or used shall be safe to persons and property, meet the standards of the National Electrical Code and of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., comply with the applicable state statutes, and conform to applicable city or town ordinances, regulations, rules and orders not in conflict herewith.

The Insurance Commissioner may authorize installations of special wiring for purposes of obtaining field experience under controlled conditions in territory where electrical inspection is provided.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 30, §§ 2554-A and 2554-B, additional. Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections, 2554-A and 2554-B, to read as follows:

§ 2554-A. Standards of equipment sold

No person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of selling electrical equipment shall sell any electrical equipment which does not conform to the standards of the National Electrical Code and of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

§ 2554-B. Standards of equipment in mobile homes

No person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of selling mobile homes shall sell any mobile home which contains electrical equipment which does not conform to the standards of the National Electrical Code and of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

Sec. 6. R. S., T. 30, § 2560, repealed and replaced. Section 2560 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 2560. Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this subchapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$1,000 for each offense.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to raise the standards for installation and sale of electrical equipment, including electrical equipment contained in mobile homes sold in this State. The public safety requires compliance with the standards of the National Electrical Code and of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.