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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1488

House of Representatives, January 24, 1972

Committee on Legal Affairs suggested.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Page of Fryeburg.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO

**AN ACT Relating to Property Tax Exemption of Certain
Pollution Control Facilities.**

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

R. S., T. 36, § 656, sub-§ 1, ¶ E, amended. Paragraph E of subsection 1 of section 656 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 2 of chapter 524 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

E. Pollution control facilities

(1) Water pollution control facilities, certified as such by the Environmental Improvement Commission, and all parts and accessories thereof.

As used in this paragraph:

(a) "Facility" means any disposal system or any treatment works, appliance, equipment, machinery, installation or structures installed, acquired or placed in operation primarily for the purpose of reducing, controlling or eliminating water pollution caused by industrial or commercial waste.

(b) "Disposal system" means any system used primarily for disposing of or isolating industrial or commercial waste and includes thickeners, incinerators, pipelines or conduits, pumping stations, force mains and all other constructions, devices, appurtenances and facilities used for collecting or conducting water borne industrial or commercial waste to a point of disposal, treatment or isolation, except that which is necessary to the manufacture of products.

(c) "Industrial waste" means any liquid, gaseous or solid waste substance capable of polluting the waters of the State and resulting from any process, or the development of any process, of industry or manufacture.

(d) "Treatment works" means any plant, pumping station, reservoir or other works used primarily for the purpose of treating, stabilizing, isolating or holding industrial or commercial waste.

(e) "Commercial waste" means any liquid, gaseous or solid waste substance capable of polluting the waters of the State and resulting from any activity which is primarily commercial in nature.

(2) Air pollution control facilities, certified as such by the Environmental Improvement Commission, and all parts and accessories thereof.

As used in this paragraph:

(a) "Facility" means any appliance, equipment, machinery, installation or structures installed, acquired or placed in operation primarily for the purpose of reducing, controlling, eliminating or disposing of industrial air pollutants.

Facilities such as air conditioners, dust collectors, fans and similar facilities designed, constructed or installed solely for the benefit of the person for whom installed or the personnel of such person shall not be deemed air pollution control facilities.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to exempt commercial waste facilities from the property tax in the same manner as industrial waste facilities are now exempt.