

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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H. P. 418

House of Representatives, January 31, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rolde of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Disposal of Septic Tank or Cesspool Waste.

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

R. S., T. 30, §§ 4104 and 4105, additional. Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections, 4104 and 4105, to read as follows:

§ 4104. Septic tank and cesspool waste

Each municipality shall provide for the disposal of all waste, refuse, effluent, sludge or any other materials from all septic tanks and cesspools located within the municipality. The location, operation and maintenance of any facility or site used for this purpose other than a sewage treatment plant shall be subject to the approval of the Department of Environmental Protection in order to insure that disposal of wastes at such sites will not contaminate any bodies of water, water supplies, ground water or constitute a hazard to health or safety or create a nuisance to any person.

§ 4105. Disposal of certain materials prohibited

No person, firm, corporation or other legal entity shall dispose of any waste, refuse, effluent, sludge or any other materials from a septic tank or cesspool on any land or soil or at any other site or place within the State of Maine other than sites provided in section 4104 by the municipality wherein such septic tank or cesspool is located. Any person who violates this section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000.

The Superior Court shall have jurisdiction to restrain or enjoin violations of this section and to enter decrees requiring the removal of waste matter

deposited in or on any land or soil within the State in violation of this section.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would require municipalities to provide for the disposal of all waste, refuse, effluent, sludge or other materials from septic tanks or cess-pools. In communities where the site for such disposal is other than a sewage treatment plant, the disposal site will be subject to the approval of the Department of Environmental Protection. No disposal of septic tank wastes shall be allowed in other than approved sites, subject to fine.