

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 784

H. P. 593

House of Representatives, February 12, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Henley of Norway.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT Relating to Removal of Private Nuisance by Owner or Occupant
of Private Property.**

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

R. S., T. 22, § 1561, amended. The first 2 sentences of section 1561 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

When any source of filth ~~or other~~ **whether or not the** cause of sickness is found on private property **and deemed to be potentially injurious to health**, the owner or occupant thereof shall, within 24 hours after notice from the local health officer, at his own expense, remove or discontinue it. If he neglects or unreasonably delays to do so, he forfeits not exceeding ~~\$100~~ **\$300**.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify certain private nuisances and increasing the penalty if the owner or occupant of the private property neglects or delays in removing or discontinuing the nuisance.