

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1415

S. P. 448

In Senate, March 14, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Clifford of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Liability of Distributing Utility for Death or
Injury to Person or Damage to Property Caused by Natural Gas.

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

R. S., T. 14, § 165, additional. Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 165 to read as follows:

§ 165. Liability of natural gas distributors

A gas company or natural gas pipeline company which distributes natural gas shall be held strictly liable for death or injury to person or damage to property, resulting from explosion or fire caused by natural gas.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide absolute liability on the part of gas companies or natural gas pipeline companies for death or injury or damage when caused by that natural gas, natural gas being such a dangerous instrumentality.