

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 143

House of Representatives, January 14, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Flanagan of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Suspension of Sale of Certain Bedding and Upholstered Furniture.

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

26 MRSA, § 82, as amended by PL 1971, c. 620, § 13, is further amended to read:

§ 82. Administration and enforcement

The bureau is charged with the administration and enforcement of this subchapter; and may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the enforcement of said subchapter, and shall have the power through its officers or agents to inspect the manufacture and sale or delivery of all articles or materials subject to this subchapter, to open and examine the contents thereof, to suspend the sale or delivery and to seize and hold for evidence any article in whole or in part which he has reason to believe is made or offered for sale in violation of this subchapter, or the rules and regulations of the bureau; and any places where any articles covered by said subchapter are made, remade or offered for sale, or where sterilization or disinfecting is performed under said subchapter, shall be subject to inspection by the bureau through its officers or agents.

STATEMENT OF FACT

At the present time, it is illegal to manufacture or sell bedding and upholstered furniture which is not sanitary and in accordance with the specifications of the law, and a penalty is provided for such illegal manufacture or sale. However, there is no clear provision for suspension of sales of unsanitary articles while a court action is in process. It is the intent of this Act to correct that omission.