

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 195

H. P. 178

House of Representatives, January 15, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Peterson of Windham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Require See-Through Packaging of Meat, Poultry and Fish.

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

22 MRSA, c. 565, is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 565

RETAIL PACKAGING OF MEAT, POULTRY AND FISH

§ 2601. See-through packaging of meat, poultry and fish

1. Retail seller. Any retail seller of meat, poultry and fish who packages an item of meat, poultry or fish for retail sale shall package it using transparent material so that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the surface area of the item is visible.

2. Violation. Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$50 for each item packaged in violation of this section.

3. Enforcement. The Commissioner of Agriculture and the District Attorney of each prosecutorial district shall enforce this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act will enable the consumer to see the quality of the piece of meat, poultry or fish he is buying, and to compare it with other items.