

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 682

H. P. 554

House of Representatives, February 18, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Quinn of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Prohibit Smoking in All State Offices.

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

22 MRSA § 1577 is enacted to read:

§ 1577. Smoking in all state offices prohibited

Smoking shall be prohibited in all offices of any department, agency or commission of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government of this State, and in all offices of the University of Maine. The head of any department, agency or commission or his designee and the Chancellor of the University or his designee may designate specific areas where smoking shall be permitted, provided that the smoking allowed in those areas does not degrade the atmosphere of any state or university office not designated as a smoking area and provided that those areas are clearly marked.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act is intended to provide a healthy and productive atmosphere for work in all facilities owned or operated by the taxpayers of Maine, and to prevent health damage or discomfort to nonsmoking bystanders or workers through the inhalation of tobacco smoke.