

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 651

House of Representatives, February 26, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. LaPointe of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Define Rodents as Private Nuisances under the
Public Health Statutes.**

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

22 MRSA § 1561, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 430, is further amended by adding after the 2nd sentence a new sentence to read:

For the purposes of this section, rodents and conditions that encourage rodent infestation shall be considered a source of filth under the language of this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Rodents in this context refers to rats, mice, voles, etc., generally found because of improper disposal of food and human waste, unclean housing conditions and careless farming or business practices.

Rodent control is a matter of national concern. As Maine becomes more populated and more urbanized, rodents present an increasing problem to public health. This Act will specifically permit local initiative to deal with the problem.