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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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H. P. 1152

House of Representatives, March 25, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
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AN ACT to Extend the Provisions of the Energy Emergency Proclamation.

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the authority conferred under the Revised Statutes, Title 37-A, section 57, subsection 2, Energy Emergency Proclamation, expired at midnight February 28, 1975; and

Whereas, in the absence of this authority the State's ability to respond to an actual or impending acute shortage of useable energy resources is severely restricted; and

Whereas, this legislation is necessary in order to restore and extend the authority relating to energy emergencies; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1.** 37-A MRSA § 57, sub-§ 2, ¶ C, sub-¶ (2), first sentence, as enacted by PL 373, c. 757, § 2, is amended to read:

The enforcement powers granted in ~~the 3rd and 4th paragraphs~~ subsections 7 and 8 of section 59 and the enforcement powers granted in section 60, unless the Governor specifically invokes these powers by an order issued pursuant to an energy emergency proclamation.

**Sec. 2.** 37-A MRSA § 57, sub-§ 2, ¶ G, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 757, § 2, is repealed.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The provisions granting authority to the Governor to proclaim an energy emergency expired on February 28. This legislation would extend these standby powers indefinitely. Section 1 of the bill corrects an error created by legislation enacted last year.