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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1491

H. P. 1195 House of Representatives, March 25, 1975 Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. 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 Clarify and Amend Municipal Home Rule Ordinance Powers.

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

30 MRSA § 1917, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 563, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1917. Ordinance, power limited

Any municipality may, by the adoption, amendment or repeal of ordinances or bylaws, exercise any power or function which the Legislature has power to confer upon it and which the Legislature has not expressly denied, and exercise any power or function granted to the municipality by the Constitution, general law or charter. No change in the composition, mode of election or terms of office of the legislative body, the mayor or the manager of any municipality may be accomplished by bylaw or ordinance.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill would be to clarify Municipal Home Rule ordinance powers so as to permit municipalities to enact ordinances which involve powers or functions not expressly denied by state statute.