

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1503

S. P. 443

In Senate, April 7, 1975

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Johnston of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Amend the Air Pollution Standards to Expand the Definition of Treatment and to Affirm that Projects Meeting State Air Quality and Emission Standards will not Significantly Deteriorate Existing Air Quality.

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA § 582, sub-§ 5-A, ¶ D is enacted to read:

D. "Best practical treatment" may include, but not be limited to, an internal process, use of fuel type or types over varying periods of time and under varying meteorological conditions or an external method. In considering the existing state of technology, the board shall consider whether a method of treatment has been demonstrated to operate continuously, reliably and economically in establishments similar to the type involved. Any method of treatment which has not been so demonstrated will not constitute "best practical treatment."

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA § 584-A, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 570, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence to read:

It is the finding of the Legislature, after examining the condition of ambient air quality in all regions of the State, that the standards prescribed by this section are sufficiently strict to insure that air quality in all regions of the State will be protected and not significantly degraded if these standards are not exceeded.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will allow the Board of Environmental Protection to permit a number of methods of controlling air pollution to constitute "best practical

treatment.” The bill would also allow responsible economic growth by finding that Maine’s very strict ambient air quality standards will not permit, if met, any significant deterioration of air quality in the State.