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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1555

H. P. 1261

House of Representatives, April 2, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wilfong of Stow.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Require Legislative Approval for the Construction of a Nuclear Power Plant used by a Public Utility to Generate Electricity.

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

Sec. 1. 35 MRSA § 13-A, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 476, § 1, is amended by adding a new paragraph after the first paragraph to read:

No public utility may construct an electric power generating plant which employs nuclear fission reaction as its heat source without, in addition to any other requirement of law, obtaining prior approval of the Legislature. The approval shall be in the form of a joint resolution adopted by both houses, which resolution shall specify the location of the plant, its expected cost, its generating capability and the names of those persons who are financially responsible for its construction and operation.

Sec. 2. Applicability. This Act shall not apply to any nuclear fission reaction used by a public utility as a heat source to generate electric power which the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission has licensed on or before the effective date of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act requires legislative approval, in the form of a joint resolution of the Legislature, before any public utility can construct an electric power generating plant which employs nuclear fission reaction as its heat source.