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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1600

H. P. 1293

House of Representatives, April 2, 1975

On motion of Mrs. Clark of Freeport, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Peterson of Windham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Improve the Enforcement of the Federal Flammable Fabrics Act.

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

Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA § 6-104, sub-§ 1, ¶ 1, is enacted to read:

I. Serve as a liaison to the Consumer Product Safety Commission of the Federal Government, act as a channel of information between the Federal Government and the citizens of Maine concerning federal laws on consumer products with emphasis on flammable fabrics and children's sleepwear and promote public awareness of federal flammable fabrics legislation and enforcement.

Sec. 2. 9-A MRSA § 6-104, sub-§ 3, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 762, § 1, is amended to read:

The administrator shall report annually on or before January 1st to the Commissioner of the Department of Business Regulation on the operation of his office, on the use of consumer credit in this State, ~~and~~ on the problems of persons of small means obtaining credit from persons regularly engaged in extending sales or loan credit and on compliance of manufacturers and retail stores in Maine with federal flammable fabrics legislation.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of the Act is to protect the public, particularly children up to the age of 12 years, from fabrics that are highly flammable. This Act does not require an appropriation or additional staff because the Bureau of Consumer Protection will act as a liaison to the Consumer Product Safety Commission which will enforce the law.