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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1535

House of Representatives, April 24, 1975

Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule 10. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cooney of Sabattus.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Permit Local Plumbing Inspectors to Approve and Issue Permits for Holding Tanks that Require Pumping.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 3221, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 521, § 4, is amended to read:

4. **Subsurface sewage disposal system.** "Subsurface sewage disposal system" shall mean any system for disposing of wastes or waste waters on or beneath the surface of the earth including, but not limited to, holding ponds, surface spray systems, septic tanks, drainage fields, cesspools, wells, holding tanks, including holding tanks which require periodic pumping for disposal, surface ditches or any other fixture, mechanism or apparatus used for such purposes, but shall not include any discharge system licensed under Title 38, section 414, or any municipal or quasi-municipal sewer system.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 3223, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 521, § 4, is amended to read:

1. **Permits required.** No pipes, tanks, faucets, valves or other fixtures not related to a manufacturing or industrial operation or the waste from such operation located on or about such operation shall be placed in any building, nor shall any septic tank or other system of private sewage disposal, as defined in section 3221, subsection 4, be installed to receive the drainage from such plumbing, except to repair leaks or to replace an existing fixture, except a water heater, to be used for the same purpose, unless a permit for installation of such work has been issued by the municipal plumbing inspector. If

such work does not begin within 6 months after the date of issuing its permit, the permit shall be invalid; otherwise, the permit shall be valid until the completion of such work.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act will permit local plumbing inspectors to issue permits for holding tanks now requiring approval by the Department of Health and Welfare.