

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 2133**

H. P. 1947

House of Representatives, January 29, 1976

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dam of Skowhegan.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SIX

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**AN ACT Concerning the Protection of Inland Areas Against Damage Caused  
By Oil Spills.**

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

38 MRSA § 543, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 572, § 1, is amended to read:

The discharge of oil, petroleum products or their by-products into or upon any coastal waters, estuaries, tidal flats, beaches and lands adjoining the sea-coast of the State, or into any river, stream, sewer, surface water drain or other waters that drain into the coastal waters of the State or onto any lands where there is a reasonable likelihood that such oil, petroleum products or their by-products will seep into the water table thereof is prohibited.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would extend the protections of the oil conveyance law to cover spills occurring on land away from flowing water but where pollution of the local water table is nonetheless likely.