

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 30

In Senate, January 6, 1977

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Curtis of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Exempting Homeowner Occupied Dwellings Built Before  
January 1, 1974 from Certain Safety Glazing Requirements.**

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

25 MRSA § 2053, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 237 is amended to read:

This section shall apply only to new construction contracted for, or to replacement of glass in place, after January 1, 1974, **except that it shall not apply to replacement of glass in a homeowner occupied residential dwelling unit constructed before January 1, 1974.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The safety glazing statutes require that when glass is replaced in a hazardous location in a residential building, the replacer must use safety glazing. This requirement puts a financial burden on homeowners living in older dwellings, because when installed nonsafety glass breaks in a location defined as hazardous, it must be replaced with more expensive safety glazing. This bill will exempt from the safety glazing requirement any glass replacement in a homeowner occupied residential dwelling unit constructed before January 1, 1974. It therefore permits a person dwelling in his own home to decide whether or not to install safety glass in locations where it was not previously required. This bill does not affect rental dwelling units.