

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 991

H. P. 818

House of Representatives, March 15, 1977

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and 1,800 ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Quinn of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide for no Smoking Areas in All State Offices.

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

22 MRSA § 1577, is enacted to read:

§ 1577. Smoking in all state offices prohibited

“No smoking” signs shall be emplaced in all offices of any department, agency or commission of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government of this State, and in all offices of the University of Maine, except as follows: The head of any department, agency or commission or his designee and the Chancellor of the University of Maine or his designee may designate specific areas where smoking shall be permitted, provided that the smoking allowed in those areas does not degrade the atmosphere of any state or university office designated as a no smoking area and provided that those areas are clearly marked.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is intended to provide a healthy and productive atmosphere for work in all facilities owned or operated by the taxpayers of Maine, and to prevent health damage or discomfort to nonsmoking bystanders or workers. It will also bring the State into compliance with standards set by the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and ruled as hazardous to health in *Shimp v N. J. Bell Telephone Company*, 12/20/76.