

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1654

H. P. 1433

House of Representatives, April 19, 1977

Referred to Committee on Energy. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Davies of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Prohibit the Sale of Gas Stoves with Pilot Lights.

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 302 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 302

APPLIANCES

§ 1521. Retail sale of gas stoves

The retail sale of new gas cooking stoves fueled by propane or natural gas and ignited by a continuously lit pilot light is hereby prohibited after the effective date of this Act. Gas cooking stoves fueled by propane or natural gas with an automatic ignition spark shall be the only type of new gas cooking stove offered for sale in Maine.

§ 1522. Penalty

Any person, firm or corporation found in violation of this Act shall be punished by a fine of no less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000 for each new gas cooking stove sold in violation of this Act.

Sec. 2. Effective date. The provisions of this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1979.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the sale of new gas cooking stoves which use pilot lights. Pilot lights consume between 3,500,000 and 5,000,000

BTU's per cubic foot per year. This bill will reduce gas consumption in the State. One retailer of appliances in Lewiston and in the greater Portland area sold 250 new gas ranges between October 1975 and September 30, 1976. There are many more retailers of appliances in these areas which could indicate a substantial demand for gas stoves.