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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Boudreau of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Place Responsibility for Preparation and Implementation of
Emergency Evacuation Plans in the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness.**

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA § 1502, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 423, § 3, is repealed as follows:

~~The State police shall prepare and implement such emergency plans, evacuation plans and other arrangements deemed necessary to protect the public and property in this State from hazards or dangers from radiation, radioactive materials, nuclear materials or the occurrence of a radiological incident as a result of the presence of, release of or emissions from radioactive materials, radioactivity or nuclear materials in this State. The hazards or dangers referred to in this paragraph shall be only those arising from the peaceful use of nuclear or atomic materials.~~

Sec. 2. 37-A MRSA § 59, sub-§ 9 is enacted to read:

9. Preparation and implementation of plans. The Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness shall prepare and implement those emergency plans, evacuation plans and other arrangements deemed necessary to protect the public and property in the State from hazards or dangers from radiation, radioactive materials, nuclear materials or the occurrence of a radiological incident as a

result of the presence of, release of or emissions from radioactive materials, radioactivity or nuclear materials in this State. This subsection shall only apply to those hazards or dangers which arise from the peaceful use of nuclear or atomic materials.

STATEMENT OF FACT

As manpower and equipment does not permit the Maine State Police to carry out the mandates of this law, this bill places the responsibility of plan development within the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness.