

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 438

House of Representatives, February 14, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Inspection by the State Fire Marshal.

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA § 2392, first and 2nd sentences, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 788, § 110-A, are amended to read:

The State Fire Marshal or fire inspectors, upon the complaint of any person or whenever ~~he or~~ they shall deem it necessary, may inspect or cause to be inspected all buildings and premises within their jurisdiction. Said officers may forbid the use of any building or other structure which, ~~for want or repair or by reason of age, dilapidated condition, damage from fire, explosive or inflammable matter in or near the building or structure~~ **does not conform to the laws, ordinances, rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Public Safety or enforceable by him pursuant to section 2396** which creates a danger to other property or to the public.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA § 2392, 2nd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 788, § 110-A, is amended to read:

Any owner or occupant who neglects to comply with such order shall be guilty of a ~~misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not more than \$100~~ **Class E crime, except that a fine of not less than \$100 shall be imposed for each conviction. Each day shall constitute a separate offense.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to strengthen the office of State Fire Marshal with the statutory authority to secure corrections of life safety violations in buildings and premises within his jurisdiction.