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H. P. 440

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 to Clarify the Meaning of "the Prevention of Fire" under the Public Safety Statutes.

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

25 MRSA § 2396, sub-§ 1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 632, § 6, is amended to read:

1. Fires. The prevention of fires and containment of fire and the protection of life and property therefrom;

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the meaning of "the prevention of fire" to grant the State Fire Marshal the authority to specify measures which will provide a degree of public safety from fire which can be reasonably required. Life safety is more than "the prevention of fire" and must cover construction, protection and occupancy features to minimize danger to life from fire, smoke, fumes or panic before buildings are vacated.