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#### FIRST REGULAR SESSION

## ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

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and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gwadosky of Fairfield. Cosponsor: Mr. Howe of South Portland.

#### STATE OF MAINE

## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Require the Use of Metered Service on Oil Deliveries.

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

10 MRSA § 2624-A is enacted to read:

- § 2624-A. Sales of certain liquid fuel oils
- 1. Record of sales. In the case of liquid furnace oils, liquid stove oils and liquified petroleum gas sold by the gallon, the liquid volume of the delivery shall be determined by a meter with a register printing the meter readings on a ticket from which the liquid volume shall be computed and expressed in terms of the gallon and its binary or decimal subdivisions.
- 2. Copy to purchaser. A copy of the ticket shall be given to the purchaser prior to the vehicle's departure from the premises where the delivery is made.
- 3. Metered ticket. The metered ticket required by this section shall not be inserted into the register until immediately before delivery is begun. No ticket shall be in the register when the vehicle is in motion.
- 4. Sales subject to additional provisions. Sales of liquid fuel oils, as defined in this section, shall also be subject to the appropriate provisions of this chapter.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to require all dealers in liquid heating oils, defined as furnace and stove oils as well as liquified petroleum gas sold by the gallon, to provide the purchaser with a metered ticket. Present law does not require metered sales tickets. In some cases where no metered sales ticket has been issued, there have been conflicts between dealers of these liquid heating oils and purchasers who question the truth of the sales slips. This bill will help resolve the issue.