

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 909**

H. P. 698

House of Representatives, March 2, 1979

Speaker laid before the House and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Michael of Auburn.

Cosponsors: Mr. Pearson of Old Town, Mr. Davis of Monmouth and Mr. Brown of Livermore Falls.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Require that Certain Information be Provided by Insulation Installers.**

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

10 MRSA § 1485 is enacted to read:

**§ 1485. Development of insulation fact sheet**

The State Office of Energy Resources shall prepare, and shall keep current, an informational pamphlet concerning insulation materials being used in the State. The pamphlet shall discuss the characteristics of these insulation materials and the positive and negative effects which may result following installation of these materials. The pamphlet shall also include, but shall not be limited to:

1. **Moisture.** Information concerning moisture travel through buildings and the need for proper ventilation or the need for vapor barriers following installation of insulation;
2. **Safety.** Information concerning safety factors, including the flammability and toxicity of various types of insulation;
3. **Installation.** Guidelines for proper installation of insulation materials to avoid problems of moisture and to avoid any safety hazards;

**4. Installation contracts.** A narrative description of the requirements of this chapter and its provisions; and

**5. Other information.** Such other information as the State Office of Energy Resources shall deem necessary or appropriate.

The State Office of Energy Resources shall furnish this pamphlet, upon request, to any citizen of this State without charge.

Every person in the State who installs insulation for compensation shall, prior to entering into any contract or agreement for the installation of insulation in any residence, furnish to the owner or lessee of the residence a copy of the pamphlet published pursuant to this section.

Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to the forfeiture provisions of section 1483.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require that insulation installers provide prospective customers with certain factual information about insulation and its potential effects on buildings and their occupants and to protect consumers from possible problems stemming from faulty insulation materials or improper installation.

This bill would direct the State Office of Energy Resources to prepare a fact sheet on insulation materials being installed in the State. The pamphlet would be distributed to citizens of the State to help instruct them concerning insulation.