

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 987**

H. P. 787

House of Representatives, March 5, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Howe of South Portland, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Huber of Falmouth.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Make Certain Changes in the Manufactured Housing Act.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 10 MRSA § 9002, sub-§ 6, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 550, § 1, is amended to read:

**6. Installation.** "Installation" means the process of affixing or assembling or setting up manufactured housing on foundations or supports at a building site and includes the connection to ~~necessary systems, such as existing~~ electrical, oil burner, gas, water, sewage and ~~any others~~ **similar systems** which are necessary for the use of the house for dwelling or commercial purposes.

**Sec. 2.** 10 MRSA § 9002, sub-§ 12 is enacted to read:

**12. Service.** "Service" means the normal servicing and maintenance of manufactured houses with the exception of the electrical, oil burner, gas, water, sewage and plumbing systems where servicing is restricted to the original warranty period of the manufactured housing and its components.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The Manufactured Housing Act as enacted by the Public Laws of 1977 appears to create double licensing standards for the tradesmen in the area of manufactured housing which presently constitutes 85% of the new housing construction within the State.

The bill requires that the Manufactured Housing Board license dealers and mechanics, without an examination, to install and service manufactured housing: The bill could easily be interpreted to include servicing and installation of new electrical, oil burner and plumbing systems, which for years have been regulated by the Plumbers' Examining Board, the Electricians' Examining Board and the Oil Burner Men's Licensing Board.

This bill clarifies the respective roles of the dealers and mechanics licensed by the manufactured Housing Board, plumbers licensed by the Plumbers' Examining Board, electricians licensed by the Electricians' Examining Board and oil burnermen licensed by the Oil Burner Men's Licensing Board.