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House of Representatives, March 8, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Howe of South Portland.

Cosponsors: Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland, Mr. Cloutier of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Regulate Odors.

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA § 582, sub-§§8-C and 8-D are enacted to read:

8-C. Odor threshold concentration. "Odor threshold concentration" is the concentration of an odor at which 50% of exposed individuals would detect the odor and 50% would not.

8-D. Odor unit. "Odor unit" is the measure of intensity of an odor established by the number of dilutions necessary to reduce the odor to its threshold concentration. The number of odor units is equal to the number of volumes of odor-free air necessary to dilute the concentration of odor in one volume to the threshold concentration.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA § 584-A, sub-§ 7 is enacted to read:

7. Odors. Odors shall not exceed 3 odor units for any one-hour period at any location.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA § 585, first sentence, as amended by PL 1971, c. 618, § 12, is further amended to read:

The board may establish and may amend standards, herein called "emission standards," limiting and regulating in a just and equitable manner the amount and type of air contaminants, **including odors**, which may be emitted to the ambient air within a region.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill permits the Department of Environmental Protection to regulate odors.