

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-713)  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "**A**" to H.P. 1480, L.D. 1672, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Regulate Cone Burner Incineration for the Disposal of  
Municipal Solid Waste."

Amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting clause  
the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature  
do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless  
enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, solid waste disposal remains a critical problem  
for many Maine communities; and

Whereas, cone burner designs have improved in recent years  
and may be suitable as alternative means of solid waste disposal; and

Whereas, these burners must, pursuant to federal law, be  
in compliance with standards; and

Whereas, Maine law does not provide authority to the  
Department of Environmental Protection to adopt these standards; and

Whereas, some communities in Maine may be subject to federal  
penalties by July 1, 1979 for failure to comply with federal  
air emission standards; and

Whereas, these communities need the immediate assistance of  
the Department of Environmental Protection to enable them to  
diminish expected penalties and comply with emission standards; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Statement of Fact

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

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