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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1976

H. P. 1909

House of Representatives, March 5, 1980

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mrs. Locke of Sebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT to Further Define a Cord of Wood.

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA § 2302, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 91, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. A standard cord is a unit of measure of wood products 4 feet wide, 4 feet high and 8 feet long, or its equivalent, containing 128 cubic feet when the wood is ranked and well stowed. Any voids that will accommodate a stick, log or bolt of average dimensions to those in that pile shall be deducted from the measured volume.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA § 2302, sub-§ 1, ¶¶ A-1 and A-2 are enacted to read:

A-1. A cord when used in connection with sawdust, chips or shavings means the volume of material contained in 128 cubic feet at the time of sale.

A-2. Fuel wood when cut to lengths shorter than 4 feet and sold loose shall be sold in cubic feet and the following shall be included in all advertisements and delivery tickets:

- (1) Length of sticks;
- (2) Price per cubic foot; and
- (3) Volume of cubic feet.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Due to the high cost of fossil fuels, Maine consumers have shifted to other sources of heating fuels, especially wood. Increasing demand for wood has highlighted definitional problems in the weights and measures law concerning wood measurement standards. This bill removes the problem section while clarifying the definition of a cord.