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House of Representatives, January 29, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MacBride of Presque Isle.

Cosponsors: Senator Violette, Representative J. Martin of Eagle Lake and Senator McBreairty of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Permit the Use of Foam Plastic Insulation in Certain Facilities
Without the Required Thermal Barrier.**

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

25 MRSA § 2447-B, sub-§ 1, ¶ B is enacted to read:

B. Existing low hazard storage facilities with foam plastic insulation may be maintained without the required thermal barrier.

(1) Potato storage facilities constructed after the effective date of this paragraph shall provide an approved thermal barrier over foam plastic insulation for a minimum of 8' above the floor.

(2) The State Fire Marshal may permit in specific circumstances the use of foam plastic without a flame barrier when such use does not create a life safety hazard.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The current strict requirements for a thermal barrier has created severe economic hardship in some low hazard storage facilities, such as potato houses, low temperature drying facilities, greenhouses and other like structures. The

safety of the few people occupying these facilities can be protected without requiring the entire surface of foam plastic insulation to meet the thermal barrier requirement.