

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 626

H. P. 550

House of Representatives, February 4, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Kiesman of Fryeburg.

Cosponsors: Representative Twitchell of Norway, Senator Redmond of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Conform and Strengthen the Law Concerning the Burning of Debris.

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

25 MRSA § 2436-A, 2nd and 4th sentences, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 365, § 5, are amended to read:

No person, firm or corporation shall may burn debris out of doors ~~other than when the ground is covered with snow, except between the hours of 5 p.m. and 12 midnight~~ without a permit from a municipal fire chief, town forest fire warden or forest ranger.

Whoever violates this section ~~shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50~~ is guilty of a Class E crime.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to bring the burning of debris law into confirmity with the environmental laws which require a permit to burn debris and constitute a Class E crime if violated. By tightening this provision of law, greater control can be exercised over the burning of debris in areas where many fires originate.