

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1106**

H. P. 936

House of Representatives, March 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 Kany of Waterville.

Cosponsors: Representative Dexter of Kingfield, Representative Hall of Sangerville and Representative Ketover of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**AN ACT to Establish a Hazardous Waste Exchange.**

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

38 MRSA § 1304, sub-§ 8-A is enacted to read:

**8-A. Hazardous waste exchange.** The department shall establish a hazardous waste exchange. This exchange shall be administered to encourage waste separation and recovery and minimize the generation and disposal of hazardous wastes. The exchange shall consist of a list, published at least annually, of the substances handled by each hazardous waste facility. Each substance shall be categorical according to recycling or neutralization techniques appropriate to that substance. The department shall provide technical information and other assistance to encourage hazardous waste recycling and recovery. Submission of information and participation in the hazardous waste exchange are voluntary.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to encourage neutralization and recycling of hazardous wastes. The Department of Environmental Protection will be required to publish a list of hazardous wastes generated each year. Other generators or waste handlers will be able to determine what wastes could be combined to form neutralized, nonhazardous compounds and where wastes suitable for recycling are being generated.