

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1298**

S. P. 452

In Senate, March 16, 1981

Filed pursuant to P&SL 1979, chapter 43 of the 109th Legislature and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council under Joint Rule 18.

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator McBreairty of Aroostook.

Cosponsor: Representative Hall of Sangerville.

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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 Prohibit the Sale and Promotion of Halogenated Hydrocarbons as Septic Tank Cleaners.**

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

38 MRSA § 1602 is enacted to read:

**§ 1602. Chemical septic tank cleaners**

**No person may sell, offer to sell or commercially promote the use of any chemical solvent containing halogenated hydrocarbon compounds as septic tank cleaners or degreasers.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is one of the recommendations of the Ground Water Protection Commission. Some chemical solvents containing halogenated hydrocarbons are sold as septic tank cleaners and degreasers. These chemicals leach out of septic systems and enter the ground water. The chemicals are very persistent and can cause cancer. This bill prohibits the sale or promotion of these chemicals for use in septic systems.