

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 76

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7 H.P. 70

House of Representatives, January 5, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Webster of Farmington.
Cosponsor: Representative Davis of Monmouth.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Concerning the Misuse of Fuel
18 Assistance Benefits.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 22 MRSA §3186 is enacted to read:

23 §3186. Misuse of fuel assistance

24 Any person who under any governmental program
25 designed to provide assistance to defray, avoid or
26 otherwise reduce the cost of home heating and who,
27 for consideration, sells, transfers, releases or
28 otherwise conveys the right to that assistance or the
29 physical fuels provided under that program commits a
30 civil violation for which a fine of not more than
31 \$250 shall be imposed. Any person found guilty of
32 violating this section shall also be denied any addi-
33 tional benefits under that program for the remainder

1 of the benefit year, or the calendar year, whichever
2 is longer.

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 The purpose of this bill is to penalize those
5 persons who receive government fuel assistance, prin-
6 cipally firewood, and sell it to others and keep the
7 cash. Such practices distort the intent of the fuel
8 assistance program. This bill exposes persons who
9 engage in this conduct to a civil penalty of \$250 and
10 loss of benefits.

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