

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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5 Legislative Document

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7 S.P. 90

In Senate, January 18, 1983

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9 the Committee on Local and County Government, and ordered printed  
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JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Twitchell of Oxford.

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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 to Permit Mobile Home Parks in  
18 Maine Towns.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 30 MRSA §2158 is enacted to read:

23 §2158. Mobile home parks permitted

24 1. Legislative findings. The Legislature recog-  
25 nizes that mobile home living and mobile home park  
26 developments are legal and necessary undertakings in  
27 our society, particularly in light of the housing  
28 shortage in the State and the rising costs of conven-  
29 tional housing.

30 2. Parks permitted. It shall be impermissible  
31 for municipalities by any zoning, subdivision control

1 or other police power ordinance or regulation to  
2 totally prevent the location and development of  
3 mobile home park facilities within their respective  
4 borders. Municipalities shall provide a range of  
5 suitable locations for these developments as soon as  
6 possible, but not later than January 1, 1984.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 The State Planning Office has estimated that  
9 Maine lacks approximately 50,000 units of housing,  
10 and that that figure is growing by 5,000 units each  
11 year. Because of the high cost of housing construc-  
12 tion and housing financing, manufactured housing has  
13 become the only affordable means of home ownership  
14 for many Maine families. This bill requires Maine  
15 communities to make provisions for the location of  
16 manufactured housing in at least some residential  
17 areas within their borders; it enables municipalities  
18 to set their own local standards, such as design or  
19 aesthetic standards and certification of manufac-  
20 turing standards, thus preserving a significant  
21 degree of local control.

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