

# 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. 403

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7 H.P. 344

House of Representatives, February 1, 1983

8 On Motion of Representative Vose of Eastport referred to the Committee  
9 on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Speaker Martin of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsors: Representative Soule of Westport, Representative Mitchell of  
Freeport and Senator Pearson of Penobscot.

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 Requiring an Annual Report on  
18 Safety Problems by Nuclear Power Plants.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 35 MRSA, c. 269, sub-c. II, as enacted by PL  
23 1981, c. 424, is repealed and the following enacted  
24 in its place:

25 SUBCHAPTER II

26 SAFETY REPORTING

27 §3341. Reporting; penalty

28 1. Reports. The operator of any nuclear elec-  
29 tric power generating plant in this State shall  
30 report annually by March 1st to the Public Utilities  
31 Commission, with a copy sent to the Bureau of Civil

1 Emergency Preparedness, on any unresolved safety  
2 problems at the plant. The report shall include:

3 A. A list and summary description of any  
4 safety-related incidents reported to the United  
5 States Nuclear Regulatory Commission during the  
6 previous calendar year, including a statement of  
7 the cause of the incident, its effects on human  
8 health and the environment, corrective measures  
9 which have been taken and their costs; and

10 B. A list and summary description of any  
11 safety-related problems, including, but not  
12 limited to, design, construction and operation  
13 problems identified during the previous calendar  
14 year or unresolved from earlier years. The  
15 report shall include all applicable unresolved  
16 generic safety problems identified by the United  
17 States Nuclear Regulatory Commission or its Advi-  
18 sory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, as well as  
19 problems identified by the operator.

20 For each problem identified, the report shall  
21 include the expected date and expected cost of  
22 resolution, and an assessment of the potential  
23 health and environmental consequences of any  
24 safety-related incident that could reasonably be  
25 anticipated to occur if the problem remains  
26 unsolved.

27 2. Penalty. Any person who fails to comply  
28 with this chapter is subject to sanctions as specified  
29 in Title 10, sections 201 and 202. Any person who  
30 fails to comply with this subchapter is subject to a  
31 civil penalty of \$1,000 for each day of noncompli-  
32 ance.

33 STATEMENT OF FACT

34 This bill requires annual reporting by each  
35 nuclear power plant of safety-related incidents and  
36 of safety-related design, construction or operational  
37 problems that have been discovered during the year.

38 The intent of this bill is to provide State Gov-  
39 ernment and the people of the State with a report by

1 which the progress of any nuclear power plant in  
2 improving its safety and the costs of safety improve-  
3 ments can be evaluated. It will also be helpful to  
4 the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness for emer-  
5 gency planning purposes.

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