

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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5 Legislative Document

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7 H.P. 379

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10 Presented by Representative Kiesman of Fryeburg.

Cosponsors: Senator Redmond of Somerset, Representative Masterman of
Milo and Senator McBreairty of Aroostook.

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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 Prohibit the Commercial Sale
18 of Chain Saws and Skidders not Equipped
19 with Spark Arresters.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 12 MRSA §9601-A is enacted to read:

24 §9601-A. Prohibition on sale of equipment without
25 spark arresters

26 No person may sell or offer to sell any internal
27 combustion chain saw or skidder in this State that
28 has not been provided with a spark arresting device
29 approved by the director. This prohibition shall not
30 apply to casual sales as defined in Title 36, section
31 1752.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 Current law, Title 12, section 9601, prohibits
3 the use of any equipment for producing power in
4 forest lands unless the equipment is fitted with a
5 spark arrester. While this provision is necessary
6 for the prevention of forest fires, it does not put
7 appropriate responsibility on commercial vendors of
8 chain saws or skidders. This bill prohibits the com-
9 mercial sale of internal combustion chain saws and
10 skidders that have not been equipped with spark
11 arresting devices. Equipment dealers are in a better
12 position to install this equipment than the ultimate
13 consumer.

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