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Legislative D	ocument			No. 646
H.P. 521		House of F	Representatives, Febr	ruary 8, 198
Referred		ee on Energy and	rces pursuant to Join Natural Resources.	Sent up for
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Cosponso	rs: Representati	kidley of Shapleig ve Beaulieu of P son of Penobsco	ortland, Representat	ive Dexter
	s	TATE OF MAI	NE	
		E YEAR OF O	UR LORD EIGHTY-THREE	
		o Promote Sa Burning Pra		
Be it enac	ted by the	People of	the State of M	laine as
Sec. I read:	. 25 MRS	A §2465,	sub-§5-A is er	nacted to
fireplace,	fireplace	stove or s	No facto olid fuel burr ade, unless th	ning room
provides	the buyer	, on or be	fore the sale,	with an
	on instruc	tion manual	or, in the ca	se where
the Office	ual is not	Resources	with a public containing red	ation of
clearances			e prescribed	
National	Fire Prot	ection Asso	ciation Code #	211, The
Standards	for Chimne	ys, Firepla	ces, Vents ar	nd Solid
			roved by the c	office of
the State	Fire Marsh	a⊥.		

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2465, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1 2 1982, c. 622, is amended to read:

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- Penalty. Any person who, for compensation, 4 constructs or installs chimneys, fireplaces, vents or 5 solid fuel burning appliances in violation of the standards, and permits such violation to remain 7 uncorrected after 30 days' notice from any official 8 empowered to enforce this section, shall be consid-9 ered guilty of a civil violation and shall be subject 10 to a forfeiture of not more than \$500 for each viola-11 The court may waive any penalty or cost 12 against any violator upon satisfactory proof that the 13 violation was corrected within 30 days of the issu-14 ance of a complaint.
  - Any person who fails to provide a purchaser with an instruction manual or the authorized publication of the Office of Energy Resources, as described in subsection 5-A, commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 for the first offense and not less than \$500 nor more than \$800 for each subsequent offense shall be adjudged. In addition to the civil penalty provided in this subsection, any violation of this chapter constitutes a violation of Title 5, chapter 10.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The principal problem arising from the use of radiant-heating wood stoves has been their improper installation.

This bill requires that purchasers be informed of the proper manner of installation of each stove. event that the manufacturer did not provide the instructions, a publication of the Office of State Fire Marshal and State Office of Energy Resources, which is also in print, could be substituted.

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