

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. 946

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7 H.P. 737

House of Representatives, March 1, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence
9 and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Curtis of Waldoboro.

Cosponsors: Representative Soule of Westport and Representative Small
11 of Bath.

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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 Establish a 30-Mile Evacuation
18 Area around Nuclear Power Plants.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 37-A MRSA §130 is enacted to read:

23 §130. Thirty-mile emergency evacuation zone

24 The area to be included in an emergency
25 radiological response plan for any nuclear power
26 reactor operating in or near this State shall include
27 all municipalities or portions of municipalities that
28 lie within a 30-mile radius of the facility.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to expand the size of the emergency evacuation zone covered by an emergency radiological response plan from a 10-mile radius to a 30-mile radius. Some federal agencies have recommended that these zones be expanded to this size. By making these changes, additional municipalities in the Wiscasset area around Maine Yankee will be included in emergency planning for a radiological accident at the plant.

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This expansion will also ensure that municipalities in southern Maine within 30 miles of the Seabrook nuclear plant and municipalities in eastern Maine within 30 miles of Point Lepreau nuclear plant will be covered by an emergency plan.

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