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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. 1598

7 S.P. 547

In Senate, May 11, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent down
9 for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Baldacci of Penobscot.

Cosponsors: Representative Bost of Orono, Representative Curtis of
Waldoboro, and Representative Vose of Eastport.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Relating to Emergency Planning
18 for the 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 Sec. 1. 37-A MRS §124, sub-§1, as enacted by PL
23 1981, c. 444, §3, is amended to read:

24 1. Created. There is created a Radiological
25 Emergency Preparedness Committee composed of the fol-
26 lowing people, who shall serve ex officio, or their
27 designees:

28 A. The Director of Civil Emergency Preparedness,
29 who shall act as chairman;

30 B. The Commissioner of Public Safety; and

31 C. The Director of Health Engineering.

1 In addition, there shall be 3 public members, with
2 vote, one designated by the Governor, one by the
3 President of the Senate and one by the Speaker of the
4 House of Representatives. Each license-holder or his
5 designee shall sit on the committee as a nonvoting
6 member.

7 Sec. 2. 37-A MRSA §124, sub-§4 is enacted to
8 read:

9 4. Meetings. All meetings of the Radiological
10 Emergency Preparedness Committee shall be open to the
11 public, in accordance with Title 1, chapter 13, sub-
12 chapter I. Public notice shall be given of all
13 scheduled meetings at least one week before the meet-
14 ing. Public notice of any unscheduled meetings shall
15 be given as early as possible before or after the
16 meeting.

17 Sec. 3. 37-A MRSA §130 is enacted to read:

18 §130. Emergency planning area

19 The emergency planning area is identified as fol-
20 lows.

21 1. Emergency Planning Zone. The Emergency Plan-
22 ning Zone shall be designated by the Bureau of Civil
23 Emergency Preparedness by rule as the zone where spe-
24 cific evacuation plans are required to protect from
25 exposure by the inhalation pathway. Unless changed
26 by rule, the Emergency Planning Zone shall be the
27 Emergency Planning Zone contained in the existing
28 Emergency Radiological Preparedness Plan, with
29 approximately a 10-mile radius around the nuclear
30 power plant.

31 2. Ingestion Pathway Zone. The Ingestion
32 Pathway Zone shall be designated by the Bureau of
33 Civil Emergency Preparedness by rule as the zone
34 beyond the Emergency Planning Zone where protective
35 action plans are required relative to the food chain.
36 Unless changed by rule, the Ingestion Pathway Zone
37 shall be a circle of a 50-mile radius centered on any
38 nuclear power plant.

39 Sec. 4. 37-A MRSA §131 is enacted to read:

1 §131. Reporting

2 The Radiological Emergency Preparedness Committee
3 shall keep the Governor and the joint standing com-
4 mittee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
5 public utilities fully and currently informed on the
6 date of preparation of the Emergency Radiological
7 Response Plan, and the state of readiness under that
8 plan. Specifically, the Radiological Emergency
9 Preparedness Committee shall report in a summary
10 fashion suitable for the general public on:

11 1. Emergency Radiological Response Plan.
12 Progress towards federal approval of the Emergency
13 Radiological Response Plan for the Emergency Planning
14 Zone;

15 2. Exercise reports. Timely reports on any
16 exercise of the plan, including:

17 A. A preliminary report within 2 months on the
18 evaluation of the exercise;

19 B. A report within 4 months of the exercise on
20 any planned corrective action; and

21 C. A progress report on that corrective action 4
22 months later;

23 3. Ingestion Pathway Zone. Development of pro-
24 tection action plans for the Ingestion Pathway Zone;
25 and

26 4. Sunset. When the Legislature finds that
27 final approval of the plan has been given by the
28 appropriate federal agencies, including the Federal
29 Emergency Management Agency and the United States
30 Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the specific reports
31 required by subsections 1, 2 and 3 shall be replaced
32 by an annual report to the Legislature, due by Febru-
33 ary 1st, on the state of readiness of the Emergency
34 Radiological Response Plan and any recommendations
35 relating to it.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill is intended to improve the development of workable Emergency Radiological Response Plans by adding public members to the oversight committee and requiring certain reports to the Governor and the legislative oversight committee.

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