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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 2067

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7 S.P. 758

In Senate, February 8, 1984

8 Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation. Ordered printed and
9 sent down for concurrence.

10 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint
Rule 26.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Kany of Kennebec.

11 Cosponsors: Senator Pearson of Penobscot, Representative Joseph of
Waterville and Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT Requiring Insulation Contractors
18 to Make Certain Disclosures when Installing
19 Urea Formaldehyde Insulation.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1482, sub-§§12 and 13, as en-
24 acted by PL 1977, c. 660, are amended to read:

25 12. Provisions of warranties. The provisions of
26 all warranties; ~~and~~

27 13. Names. The name, business address and owner
28 of the firm providing the goods and services provided
29 herein; ~~and~~

30 Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1482, sub-§14 is enacted to
31 read:

1 14. Use of urea formaldehyde insulation. If urea
2 formaldehyde insulation is to be installed, the fol-
3 lowing information:

4 A. A warning that urea formaldehyde may cause
5 the occupants to experience harmful side effects,
6 including respiratory problems, dizziness,
7 nausea, eye and throat irritations and cancer;

8 B. Disclosure that allergic symptoms may develop
9 anywhere from a few days to more than 6 months
10 after installation; and

11 C. Disclosure whether the contractor will take
12 corrective action if an allergic reaction devel-
13 ops.

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

15 This bill requires persons installing urea form-
16 aldehyde insulation in residences to disclose in the
17 contract information regarding health hazards associ-
18 ated with the use of that material and a statement
19 whether the contractor will take corrective action if
20 the occupant develops an allergic reaction to the ma-
21 terial.

22 Urea formaldehyde insulation has been observed to
23 present both acute and long-term health hazards and
24 has been banned in some states. This bill adopts the
25 more conservative approach of simply attempting to
26 ensure informed consumer choices.

27 Typically, urea formaldehyde insulation is in-
28 stalled as a foam, making removal an extremely costly
29 process. It is essential that the hazards are made
30 apparent to the consumer as early as possible.

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