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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 2210

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7 H.P. 1671

House of Representatives, March 9, 1984

8 Submitted by the Office of Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
9 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent up
for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Cashman of Old Town.

Cosponsors: Representative Lisnik of Presque Isle and Representative
Nadeau of Lewiston.

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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 to Establish Minimum Energy
18 Efficiency Standards for Major Appliances
19 Sold in Maine.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §5004, sub-§3, ¶10 is enacted to
24 read:

25 O. Adopt no later than June 1, 1985, minimum en-
26 ergy efficiency standards for appliances and
27 promulgate rules for administration of such stan-
28 dards as required by section 5012.

29 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §5012 is enacted to read:

30 §5012. State standards for appliance energy effi-
31 ciency

1 1. Office of Energy Resources. In order to re-
2 duce the wasteful, uneconomic, inefficient or unnec-
3 essary consumption of energy, the Office of Energy
4 Resources shall:

5 A. Prescribe proposed standards for minimum lev-
6 els of operating efficiency, based on a reason-
7 able use pattern, for oil, gas and electric hot
8 water heaters, oil and gas furnaces, freezers and
9 refrigerator-freezers whose use, as determined by
10 the Office of Energy Resources, requires a sig-
11 nificant amount of energy on a statewide basis.
12 The minimum levels of operating efficiency shall
13 be selected so that the capital cost necessary to
14 achieve that minimum level of efficiency does not
15 result in any added total costs to the consumer,
16 over the designed life of the appliances, once
17 reduced operating costs are considered;

18 B. Adopt no later than June 1, 1985, final mini-
19 imum appliance efficiency standards following an
20 administrative rulemaking pursuant to subchapter
21 II, including no less than 3 public hearings at
22 which consumers, appliance manufacturers and oth-
23 ers may present their recommendations. These
24 standards shall be periodically reviewed by the
25 Office of Energy Resources; and

26 C. Apply to the Office of Energy Resources for
27 an exemption from any existing finding of no fed-
28 eral standard, in the case of appliances for
29 which this State adopts a final minimum appliance
30 efficiency standard, pursuant to the National En-
31 ergy Conservation Policy Act, Section 327(b),
32 (3), or its successor.

33 2. Penalties.

34 A. No appliance manufactured on or after June 1,
35 1986, may be sold or offered for sale in the
36 State, unless it is certified by the manufacturer
37 to be in compliance with the standards adopted
38 under subsection 1, paragraphs B and C, or unless
39 there is no final state standard adopted for that
40 type of appliance.

1 B. No new appliance, regardless of the date of
2 manufacture, may be sold or offered for sale in
3 the State, on or after June 1, 1987, unless it is
4 certified by the manufacturer to be in compliance
5 with the standards adopted under subsection 1,
6 paragraphs B and C, or unless there is no final
7 state standard adopted for that type of appli-
8 ance.

9 C. Any person who violates this section either
10 personally or through an agent or employee shall
11 be subject to a civil penalty of not less than
12 \$25 nor more than \$250 for each violation. For
13 purposes of this section, the sale, installation
14 or offer for sale, of any one appliance which
15 fails to meet the standards promulgated under
16 subsection 1, paragraphs B and C, shall consti-
17 tute a violation.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill gives the Office of Energy Resources
3 the authority to set efficiency standards for house-
4 hold appliances such as refrigerators, freezers and
5 hot water heaters. In order to ensure that Maine's
6 utilities are not required to build expensive gener-
7 ating capacity for the energy requirements of ineffi-
8 cient appliances, this bill prohibits the sale of any
9 substandard and wasteful appliance after the Office
10 of Energy Resources has promulgated an applicable
11 standard. Preliminary estimates are that in the
12 first 10 years of mandatory energy efficiency stan-
13 dards for 3 electric appliances, \$20,000,000 in total
14 conservation savings results in Central Maine Power's
15 service area alone. Over a 20-year period, an esti-
16 mated \$200,000,000 in total statewide savings results
17 from efficiency standards in place for the 7 appli-
18 ances covered by this bill. These conservation sav-
19 ings to Maine's ratepayers represent 1,500,000
20 megawatt hours of electrical generation which Maine's
21 utilities otherwise would have to produce over 20
22 years. Upon the adoption of final state standards,
23 Maine will join 24 other states, who likewise have
24 set appliance efficiency requirements, in applying to
25 the Department of Energy for federal approval.

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