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	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
ONE I	HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
Legislative Docum	nent No. 18
H.P. 20	House of Representatives, January 3, 1985
	he Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 24. ne Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered
printed.	EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Cosponsored b	sentative Beaulieu of Portland. y Representative Handy of Lewiston, Senator Berube of Representative Swazey of Bucksport.
	STATE OF MAINE
NIN	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORL ETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY- IVE
	to Amend the Laws Concerning Fire Prevention and Protection.
Be it enacted follows:	by the People of the State of Maine as
Sec. 1. read:	25 MRSA §2446, first ¶ is amended to
consuming fl pounds with f liquefied pe manufactured sale in thi	g, cooking or refrigerating appliances ammable liquids, flammable liquid com- lash point of 200° Fahrenheit or under, troleum gases, artificial, natural or gases shall may be sold or offered for s State unless such appliances have the
Inc., the Americs or the D	ing of the Underwriters! Laboratories, erican Gas Association Testing Laborato- epartment of Industrial Cooperation at
Marshal. The be paid by	ty of Maine any nationally recognized at meets the standards of the State Fire expense of obtaining such approval shall the manufacturers, distributors or such appliances.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2447, first ¶ is amended to read:

No individual, partnership or corporation shall may sell or offer for sale in this State any type of flame retardant or flame proofing compound, powder or liquid, or any fire extinguisher, or any compound, powder or liquid utilized for fire extinguishing purposes unless such product shall have the approved listing of the Underwriters' baberateries, Inc. or the Department of Industrial Geoperation at the University of Maine any nationally recognized laboratory that meets the standards of the State Fire Marshall.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows nationally recognized laboratories that meet standards set forth by the State Fire Marshal to provide consumer and commercial product testing in the area of fire prevention and protection. At present the statutes, enacted in 1954, limit such testing to the University of Maine and 2 private laboratories. This bill eliminates any discriminatory aspects of the present law and allows qualified laboratories to provide their services to the citizens of the State.

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