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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 712

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7 H.P. 507

House of Representatives, February 26, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Business and Commerce is suggested and
9 ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Baker of Portland.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Concerning Television Receiving
18 Equipment.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 10 MRSA c. 212 is enacted to read:

23 CHAPTER 212

24 WARRANTIES ON RECEIVING EQUIPMENT

25 §1361. Definitions

26 As used in this chapter, unless the context oth-
27 erwise indicates, the following terms have the fol-
28 lowing meanings.

29 1. Receiving equipment. "Receiving equipment"
30 means television or radio receiving apparatus and as-
31 sociated components, including, but not limited to,
32 antenna receiving systems, phonographs, tape record-
33 ers and audio-visual equipment.

1 §1362. Reimbursements for service or repairs under
2 express warranties

3 Any manufacturer who makes an express warranty,
4 as that term is defined in Title 11, section 2-313,
5 in the sale of receiving equipment for personal, fam-
6 ily or household purposes and who designates a ser-
7 vice representative within the State to honor the
8 terms of the warranty shall reimburse the representa-
9 tive for the cost of providing the services or re-
10 pairs required under the warranty. The amount of the
11 reimbursement shall be commensurate to the amount
12 charged by the service representative for services
13 and repairs, including parts and labor to customers
14 who are not covered by any warranty protection. The
15 quality of services and repairs by the service repre-
16 sentative in honoring the terms of any warranty shall
17 be consistent with the services and repairs provided
18 protection.

19 §1363. Service information and replacement parts

20 Each manufacturer of receiving equipment doing
21 business in the State shall make available to the
22 service representative current service information
23 and an adequate supply of replacement parts. The in-
24 formation and parts shall be provided by manufactur-
25 ers or by distributors located in the State within 30
26 days of the date of order and shall remain available
27 for not less than 4 years after the date of the final
28 sale of any discontinued model or type of receiving
29 equipment.

30 §1364. Performance of services or repairs within the
31 State

32 Unless the parties otherwise agree, any services
33 or repairs arising under such express warranty shall
34 be performed within the State if competent and quali-
35 fied repair or service facilities are available.

36 §1365. Service literature

37 In any such sale of receiving equipment having a
38 value of \$50 or more, the manufacturer shall provide
39 to the buyer service literature and legible
40 schematics or pictorials, including, but not limited

1 to, wave forms and ohmic, voltage and wattage rat-
2 ings.

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 The purposes of this bill are to:

5 1. Require that manufacturers of receiving
6 equipment, who make express warranties and designate
7 a service representative, reimburse the representa-
8 tive for the cost of the services and repairs;

9 2. Require that the manufacturers furnish the
10 representative with current service information and
11 replacement parts;

12 3. Require that, when possible, the repairs be
13 done in the State; and

14 4. Require the manufacturer to provide certain
15 service literature to the buyer.

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