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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. 837

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7 H.P. 566

House of Representatives, February 28, 1985

8 Submitted by the Office of Energy Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
9 On Motion of Representative Michaud of Medway, referred to the
10 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Cashman of Old Town.

11 Cosponsored by Senator Andrews of Cumberland, Representative
Webster of Cape Elizabeth and Representative Coles of Harpswell.

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 to Establish Minimum Energy Efficiency
18 Standards for Major Appliances Sold in
19 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, ¶0 is enacted to
24 read:

25 O. Adopt no later than June 1, 1986, minimum en-
26 ergy efficiency standards for appliances and
27 promulgate rules for administration of these
28 standards 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 water
8 heaters, oil and gas furnaces, freezers and
9 refrigerator-freezers. The minimum levels of op-
10 erating efficiency shall be selected so that the
11 capital cost necessary to achieve the minimum
12 levels of efficiency does not result in any added
13 cost to the consumer, over the designed life of
14 the appliances, once reduced operating costs are
15 considered;

16 B. Adopt, no later than June 1, 1986, final min-
17 imum appliance efficiency standards following an
18 administrative rulemaking pursuant to subchapter
19 II, including no fewer than 3 public hearings at
20 which consumers, appliance manufacturers and oth-
21 ers may present their recommendations. These
22 standards shall be periodically reviewed by the
23 Office of Energy Resources; and

24 C. Apply to the United States Department of En-
25 ergy for an exemption from federal preemption,
26 pursuant to the United States Energy Conservation
27 Policy Act, Section 327(b), (3), or its succes-
28 sor.

29 2. Prohibitions. No appliance manufactured on or
30 after January 1, 1987, may be sold, offered for sale
31 or installed in the State, unless it is certified by
32 the manufacturer to be in compliance with the stan-
33 dards adopted under subsection 1 or unless there is
34 no final state standard adopted for that type of ap-
35 pliance.

36 No new appliance, regardless of the date of manufac-
37 ture, may be sold, offered for sale or installed in
38 the State on or after June 1, 1987, unless it is cer-
39 tified by the manufacturer to be in compliance with
40 the standards adopted under subsection 1 or unless
41 there is no final state standard adopted for that
42 type of appliance.

