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3 4	ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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7 8	H.P. 1322 House of Representatives, January 15, 1986 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested
9	and ordered printed.
10	EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative Coles of Harpswell.
11	Cosponsored by Senator Usher of Cumberland, Representative Holloway of Edgecomb and Representative McGowan of Canaan.
12 13	STATE OF MAINE
14 15 16	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
17 18 19 20	AN ACT to Regulate the Surface Discharge of Ground Water Withdrawn for Use in Heat Pumps.
21 22	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
23 24	38 MRSA §417, as amended by PL 1977, c. 373, §33, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
25	§417. Certain deposits and discharges prohibited
26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35	No person, firm, corporation or other legal enti- ty may place, deposit or discharge any of the follow- ing, directly or indirectly into the inland waters or tidal waters of this State, on the ice of any such waters or on the banks of any such waters in such a manner that any of the following may fall or be washed into those waters, or in such a manner that the drainage from any of the following may flow or leach into those waters, except as otherwise provided by law:

1 2	1. Forest products refuse. Any slabs, edgings,
2	sawdust, shavings, chips, bark or other forest
3	products refuse;
4	2. Potatoes. Any potatoes or any part or parts
5	of potatoes;
6	3. Refuse. Any scrap metal, junk, paper, gar-
7	bage, septic tank sludge, rubbish, old automobiles or
8	<u>similar refuse; or</u>
9	4. Ground water. Any ground water withdrawn for
10	use in any heat pump system, unless returned to its
11	orginating aquifer, except that owners of heat pump
12	systems in existence on January 1, 1986, shall have
13	until January 1, 1989 to comply with this section.
14	This section does not apply to solid waste dis-
15	posal facilities in operation on July 1, 1977, owned
16	by a municipality or quasi-municipal authority if the
17	operation and maintenance of the facility has been or
18	is approved by the Board of Environmental Protection
19	pursuant to the requirements of chapter 13 and the
20	regulations adopted under that chapter.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to assure the continued availability of fresh potable supplies of ground water by preventing ground water depletion and salt water intrusion associated with the withdrawal of ground water for use in heat pump systems. Owners of heat pump systems existing on January 1, 1986, will be given 3 years to comply.

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