

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (EMERGENCY)  
2 (New Draft of S.P. 973, L.D. 2418)  
3 (New Title)  
4 SECOND SPECIAL SESSION  
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6 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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8 Legislative Document

No. 2431

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10 S.P. 982

In Senate, May 28, 1986

11 Reported by Senator Usher of Cumberland from the Committee on  
12 Energy and Natural Resources and printed under Joint Rule 2.

13 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Tuttle of York.

14 Cosponsored by Representative Murphy of Berwick, Senator Diamond of  
Cumberland and Senator Andrews of Cumberland.

15 STATE OF MAINE  
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17 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
18 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX  
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20 AN ACT to Create a Study of Solid Waste  
21 Disposal Policy in Maine.  
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23 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
24 lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
25 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

26 Whereas, the long-term effects of landfills on  
27 the environment have not been adequately assessed and  
28 identified; and

29 Whereas, a study of these effects and the poten-  
30 tial effects of future landfills is immediately nec-  
31 essary; and

32 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
33 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
34 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
35 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-

1 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
2 therefore,

3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
4 follows:

5       **Sec. 1. Legislative study.** The Joint Standing  
6 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources shall con-  
7 duct a study of the laws and regulations governing  
8 the disposal of solid waste in Maine. The committee  
9 shall review and compare Maine law with the laws of  
10 other states which export solid waste to Maine for  
11 disposal. The committee may request the assistance  
12 of the Department of Environmental Protection and  
13 other affected parties as necessary. The committee  
14 shall make maximum use of technical data and studies  
15 conducted previously by the department and other  
16 agencies as appropriate. The committee shall submit  
17 its report, together with any necessary legislation,  
18 to the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature  
19 no later than March 15, 1987. The Legislative Council  
20 may provide staff support for the study.

21       **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are  
22 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the  
23 purposes of this Act.

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26	Legislative Account	
27	Personal Services	\$ 660
28	All Other	<u>3,050</u>
29	Total	\$3,710

30       **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited  
31 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-  
32 proved.

33 STATEMENT OF FACT

34       The purpose of this new draft is to call for a  
35 study of solid waste management issues with particu-  
36 lar attention to the potential problems posed by

1 wastes imported from out of State, as well as those  
2 similar wastes generated by Maine businesses and com-  
3 munities. The appropriation provides for the per di-  
4 em and expenses of the study committee.

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