

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 552

S.P. 195

In Senate, February 25, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator KANY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator USHER of Cumberland, Representative
KETOVER of Portland, Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Require Notice of Possible Radon
Exposure.

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

6 36 MRSA §4641-E, as amended by PL 1977, c. 679,
7 §32, is further amended by adding at the end 2 new
8 paragraphs to read:

9 The State Tax Assessor shall cause the following
10 notice to be affixed to any form issued by the Bureau
11 of Taxation and filed with the county registry of
12 deeds for the purpose of collecting the real estate
13 transfer tax under this chapter:

14 "Naturally occurring radon gas may pose a health
15 hazard in residential dwellings. Testing ser-

1 vices are available from the Department of Human
2 Services, Public Health Laboratory, Statehouse
3 Station #11, Augusta, Maine 04333."

4 The grantor or his authorized agent signing any
5 of these forms thereby certifies that he has notified
6 the grantee of the radon warning contained on these
7 forms. Failure by the grantor or his authorized
8 agent to notify the grantee shall constitute a viola-
9 tion. Violation of this provision shall be a Class E
10 crime.

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 The purpose of this bill is to ensure that home
13 buyers are notified of the potential health risks
14 posed by naturally occurring radon gas. Radon gas is
15 prevalent in many areas of the State. The notice al-
16 so provides information on the testing services
17 available at the state Public Health Laboratory in
18 Augusta. The bill also provides penalties for any
19 home seller or his real estate agent who fails to
20 show the notice to the home buyer.

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