

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 276

In Senate, March 17, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Permit Certain Abandoned
2 Residential Underground Oil Storage
3 Tanks to be Drained and Filled with
4 Sand or other Approved Materials.
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6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
7 follows:

8 38 MRSA §566-A is enacted to read:

9 §566-A. Abandonment of underground residential oil
10 storage tanks

11 Notwithstanding this subchapter, the owner or op-
12 erator of a residential underground oil storage tank
13 which is not within 100 feet of a public or private
14 drinking water supply, which has been or is intended
15 to be taken out of service, may, instead of removing

1 that tank, drain and fill the tank with sand, gravel
2 or other material approved by the board. Prior to
3 filling the tank, a licensed plumber or oil burnerman
4 must certify in writing that the tank is empty. The
5 board shall promulgate rules concerning procedures
6 for draining and filling tanks pursuant to this sec-
7 tion.

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 This bill allows residential underground oil
10 storage tank owners to drain and fill with sand,
11 gravel or other approved materials abandoned tanks
12 pursuant to rules of the Board of Environmental Pro-
13 tection, as long as the tank is not within 100 feet
14 of a drinking water supply.

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