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#### FIRST REGULAR SESSION

#### ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

# Legislative Document

NO. 897

H.P. 664 House of Representatives, March 24, 1987 Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative MANNING of Portland. Cosponsored by Representative PINES of Limestone.

### STATE OF MAINE

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1 2 3	AN ACT to Require Notice of the Smoking Policy in Restaurants.	
<b>4</b> 5	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine follows:	as
6	22 MRSA c. 265-B is enacted to read:	
7	CHAPTER 265-B	
8	SMOKING IN RESTAURANTS	
9	§1625. Definitions	
10 11 12	As used in this chapter, unless the context of erwise indicates, the following terms have the lowing meanings.	th-

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1 2 3	1. Restaurant. "Restaurant" means any enclosed indoor establishment which invites the public to be served food for consumption on the premises.
4 5 6	2. Smoking. "Smoking" includes being in possession of or responsible for a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other lighted smoking equipment.
7	§1626. Notification of smoking policy
8 9 10 11 12	Each restaurant owner, or his designee, shall establish a policy on seating for smokers and nonsmokers and shall display prominently, at or near the entrance, a sign indicating whether or not a smoking section is available.
13	§1627. Penalty
14 15 16 17	Failure to provide notice of the smoking policy pursuant to section 1612 is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$50 may be adjudged for each violation.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill requires restaurants to have a policy on seating for smokers and nonsmokers and requires that a sign be prominently displayed to notify patrons of that policy.

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