

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1392

H.P. 1034 House of Representatives, April 30, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and  
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative STEVENS of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator PEARSON of Penobscot,  
Representatives McGOWAN of Canaan and MICHAUD of East  
Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Provide for State-subsidized Loans  
2 or Grants to Owners of Residential  
3 Underground Tanks.  
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §566, sub-§§3 and 4, as enacted  
8 by PL 1985, c. 496, Pt. A, §14, are amended to read:

9 3. Inaccessible. Otherwise inaccessible to  
10 heavy equipment necessary for removal; or

11 4. Position. Positioned in such a manner that  
12 removal would endanger the structural integrity of  
13 nearby tanks; or

14 Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §566, sub-§5 is enacted to read:



1 All Other \$1,213,875  
2 Funds to be used in  
3 a program for  
4 low-interest loans  
5 or grants for remov-  
6 al of abandoned res-  
7 idential underground  
8 oil storage facili-  
9 ties and tanks.

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

11 Individual homeowners are currently being re-  
12 quired to remove unused underground oil tanks that  
13 once supplied their home furnaces. There are approx-  
14 imately 6,500 abandoned tanks which have to be re-  
15 moved from single family, multifamily and farm family  
16 residences, out of that number, it is estimated that  
17 at least 19.5% of the homeowners are in need of fi-  
18 nancial assistance to remove the tanks at an estimat-  
19 ed cost of \$1,500 per tank which is a total cost of  
20 approximately \$2,427,750. This bill allows the State  
21 to offer low-interest loans to those homeowners who  
22 cannot meet the cost of removal.

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