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Cosponsored by Senators BUSTIN of Kennebec, KANY of Kennebec and Representative PARADIS of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 2 3	AN ACT Concerning Storage of Radioactive Material.
	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
6	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §689, as enacted by PL 1983, c.

8 enacted in its place:

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1 §689. Prohibited uses

2	1. License or registration required. Except for
3	consumer products, it is unlawful for any person to
4	use, manufacture, produce, distribute, sell, transport, transfer, install, repair, receive,
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6	acquire, own or possess any source of radiation,
7	acquire, own or possess any source of radiation, unless licensed by or registered with the department
8	in conformance with rules, if any, promulgated in
9	in conformance with rules, if any, promulgated in accordance with this chapter. Notwithstanding this
10	subsection, licensing or registration of specific
11	consumer products may be required by the department by
12	rule in specified circumstances.
13	2. Storage prohibited in public access areas. Notwithstanding subsection 1, radioactive material shall not be stored in any manner in buildings where
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15	shall not be stored in any manner in buildings where
16	offices are located or where members of the public
17	might have access.
18	<pre>Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §690, sub-§3 is enacted to read:</pre>
19	3. Civil action. In addition to other remedies
20	set out in this section, any person who works or is
21	present as a member of the public in a building which
22	present as a member of the public in a building which is in violation of section 689, subsection 2, may bring suit in Superior Court for injunctive relief,
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24	damages and reasonable attorney's fees.
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