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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,
5 transport, transfer, install, repair, receive,
6 acquire, own or possess any source of radiation,
7 unless licensed by or registered with the department
8 in conformance with rules, if any, promulgated in
9 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.
14 Notwithstanding subsection 1, radioactive material
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 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §690, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

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 is in violation of section 689, subsection 2, may
23 bring suit in Superior Court for injunctive relief,
24 damages and reasonable attorney's fees.

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 This bill prohibits the storage of radioactive
27 material of any type and in any manner in buildings
28 where offices are located. Exposure to radioactive
29 materials has been linked to cancer and other
30 diseases. The presence of radioactive material of any
31 kind in office buildings causes significant stress on
32 workers and members of the public who must be present
33 in such buildings for extended periods of time.
34 Removal of radioactive material and storage in a more
35 suitable place would be the most prudent course to
36 reduce risk of disease, stress and related health
37 costs and productivity losses.

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