

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2353

H.P. 1714 House of Representatives, February 25, 1988

Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HOLT of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representatives LAPOINTE of Auburn, OLIVER
of Portland and Senator ANDREWS of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **AN ACT to Remove Caps from the Maine**
2 **Low-Level Radiation Waste Authority Act.**
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1535, sub-§1, as enacted by PL**
7 **1987, c. 530, §4, is amended to read:**

8 1. Assessment. The authority shall assess any

1 nuclear plant within the State for the full cost of
2 planning, siting, licensing and construction of a
3 low-level radioactive waste disposal facility,
4 including reasonable reserves for unforeseen
5 contingencies. The assessment shall not exceed
6 \$10,000,000 and shall be assessed as follows:
7 \$1,500,000 on March 17 1988; \$2,500,000 on March 17
8 1989; \$2,000,000 on March 17 1991; \$2,000,000 on March
9 17 1992. The amount assessed shall be paid within 30
10 days of assessment. This assessment shall be
11 deposited in the Low-level Radioactive Waste Facility
12 Fund.

13 Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1536, sub-§1, as enacted by PL
14 1987, c. 530, §4, is amended to read:

15 1. User fees. All users of a low-level
16 radioactive waste disposal facility shall be assessed
17 a user fee calculated in accordance with subsections 2
18 and 3. User fees established under this section
19 shall be designed to raise \$1,000,000 per year
20 sufficient funds to meet operational costs. Fees
21 shall not be collected in excess of that amount or, if
22 collected, shall be returned to the users within 15
23 days of receipt. The authority shall establish, by
24 rule, a schedule of fees to be paid by all users of a
25 low-level radioactive waste disposal facility.

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

27 This bill amends the Maine Low-Level Radioactive
28 Waste Authority Act to require nuclear plants to
29 provide for full capital and operational costs of
30 low-level waste storage. This will ensure that the
31 State's taxpayers are protected from liability and are
32 not saddled with undue financial burdens due to the
33 generation of radioactive waste.

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