

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(NEW DRAFT OF H.P. 1634, L.D. 2229)  
(NEW TITLE)  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 2562

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H.P. 1871                      House of Representatives, March 22, 1988  
Reported by Representative GOULD from the Committee on  
Energy and Natural Resources and printed under Joint Rule 2.  
   EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Original bill sponsored by Representative NORTON of  
Winthrop. Cosponsored by Senators BUSTIN of Kennebec, KANY of  
Kennebec and Representative PARADIS of Augusta.

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

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1                      RESOLVE, to Establish a Training Program on the  
2                                      Subject of Radiation Safety for the  
3                                      Employees of the Department of Educational  
4                                      and Cultural Services.  
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6                      Educational Training Program.      Resolved:      That  
7 the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health in  
8 conjunction with the Maine Emergency Management Agency  
9 establish a training program on the health effects and

1 use of radioactive materials for the employees of the  
2 Department of Educational and Cultural Services, based  
3 in Augusta at the Capitol Complex. The educational  
4 program shall include, but not be limited to, the  
5 following:

6 1. Fundamentals of radioactivity, including the  
7 different types of radiation;

8 2. Principles of radiation protection, including  
9 the principles of time, distance and shielding; and

10 3. A discussion on the medical use of  
11 radioactivity, radioactive materials in consumer  
12 safety products and background levels of radiation  
13 found in Maine; and be it further

14 **Staff Assistance. Resolved:** That the Maine  
15 Emergency Management Agency shall provide such staff  
16 assistance to the Bureau of Health as required to  
17 assist in such training efforts; and be it further

18 **Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following  
19 funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry  
20 out the purposes of this resolve. This appropriation  
21 may be carried over for one fiscal year.

22 1988-89  
23 HUMAN SERVICES,  
24 DEPARTMENT OF

25 Bureau of Health

26 All Other \$ 4,800

27 Provides funds for the  
28 rental of a training  
29 facility, training  
30 contract and related  
31 expenses.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This new draft provides for an educational training program for personnel at the Department of Educational and Cultural Services on topics related to radioactive materials used in the special equipment calibration room at the Department of Educational and Cultural Services building in Augusta. The calibration facility is located in a shielded structure in the basement of the building.

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The presence of radioactive materials in the Department of Educational and Cultural Services is causing undue stress to certain employees in the building. An independent study has shown that the cancer incidence of building occupants does not exceed the number expected when compared to the national cancer incidence rates. The same study concluded that there is no connection between the reported cancer cases and the work conditions in the Department of Educational and Cultural Services building. Testing has demonstrated that the levels of radiation throughout the office areas and basement storage area do not exceed those of background radiation levels found throughout Maine.

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