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In Senate, April 19, 1988

Reported by Senator USHER of Cumberland for the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 973. JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning Storage of Radioactive Material in Public Buildings.

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4 5	Be it follow	enacted	рÀ	the	People	of	the	State	of	Maine	as

37-B MRSA §707 is enacted to read:

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§707. Storage of radioactive material

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1. Radiation calibration facilities. By January 1, 1989, the director shall file with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission an application to take whatever actions are necessary to ensure that radiological materials used in any state-owned or operated radiological calibration facility are not stored in any building, or in any area adjacent to or connected with any building, used by the public or state employees for purposes unrelated to the storage of radiological materials for calibration.

- 2. Funding. The costs of decommissioning and constructing state radiation calibration facilities may be paid from the permanent fund for radiation protection services established in Title 22, section 680.
 - 3. Report. The director shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and natural resources by January 15, 1989, including a copy of the application filed with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, an estimated timetable for the completion of federal review and an outline of the State's actions necessary to accomplish the intent of this section.

FISCAL NOTE.

The current estimated cost of constructing a storage facility for radioactive materials approximately \$150,000. The estimated cost of removing existing materials is approximately Although the bill authorizes payment of \$135,000. decommissioning and construction costs from the permanent fund for radiation protection services, the balance and revenues of this fund are not currently sufficient to meet the additional costs. Future General Fund appropriations may be required. The timing of appropriations cannot amount and determined due to the uncertainties regarding the timing of the federal review process and the balance in the permanent fund when that process is complete; however, it is not anticipated that appropriations will be required in fiscal year 1988-89.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment requires the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency to file a proposal by January 1, 1989, with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission to remove radiation calibration materials from their present location to a new facility which is not used by the public or by state employees for purposes unrelated to the radioactive materials.

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