

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 425

House of Representatives, March 6, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SHELTRA of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Representative JACQUES of Waterville and Representative DiPIETRO of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Require Installation of Garbage Disposal Units in
Multifamily Dwellings and Other Residences.**



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **30-A MRSA §4217** is enacted to read:

5 **§4217. Garbage disposal units required**

7 **1. Definition.** As used in this section, unless the context
9 otherwise indicates, "garbage disposal unit" means all equipment
11 or machinery of any nature and all appurtenances to equipment or
13 machinery used or useful in treating and reducing garbage and
15 similar waste materials prior to introduction into a sanitary
17 sewer system.

19 **2. Garbage disposal unit required.** For those dwellings
21 which are connected to a sanitary sewer system, the owner shall
23 install, or cause to be installed, not less than one approved
25 garbage disposal unit in:

27 **A. Any single-family dwelling, the construction of which is**
29 **completed after the effective date of this section;**

31 **B. Each apartment or condominium in any building of**
33 **multifamily occupancy;**

35 **C. Any conversion of a building to a single-family dwelling**
37 **after the effective date of this section;**

39 **D. Each kitchenette in any motel or hotel; and**

41 **E. Any single-family or multifamily apartment, condominium,**
43 **hotel or motel where the owner repairs or causes to be**
45 **repaired any existing interior construction and where the**
47 **repairs total an amount over \$1,500 on one occasion.**

49 **3. Rules.** The Department of Human Services, Division of
51 Health Engineering, shall adopt rules pursuant to the
53 Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, establishing
55 criteria for approval of garbage disposal units.

57 **4. Penalties.** Whoever violates this section is guilty of a
59 civil violation subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$500 for
61 each violation. The court may waive any penalty or cost against
63 any violator upon satisfactory proof that the violation was
65 corrected within 10 days of the issuance of a complaint.

67 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

69 This bill will require the owners of all multifamily
71 dwellings, including condominiums and apartment buildings, to
73 install at least one garbage disposal unit in each apartment or

1 condominium. Hotel and motel kitchenettes will also be required
to have a garbage disposal unit and any single-family residence
3 constructed after the effective date of this bill will also be
included.

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7 The intent of this bill is to help the recycling effort by
eliminating a good percentage of the wet waste problem.