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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

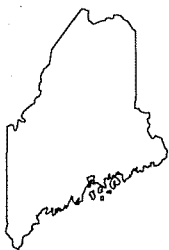
Presented by Representative LUTHER of Mexico.

Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Improve Maine Occupational Safety and Health Provisions.



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

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4 26 MRSA §565, as amended by PL 1977, c. 694, §461, is further amended to read:

6 **§565. Powers and duties of board**

8 The board shall formulate and adopt reasonable rules and
10 regulations, pursuant to Title 5, ~~section 8051 et seq.~~ chapter
12 375, subchapter II, for safe and healthful working conditions,
14 including rules requiring the use of personal protective
16 equipment, monitoring and record keeping. The rules and
18 regulations so formulated shall at a minimum conform ~~as far as~~
practicable to ~~nationally--recognized~~ federal standards of
occupational safety and health, so that the state program can be
federally approved as a public employee only occupational safety
and health program. ~~Such~~ These rules and ~~regulations~~ shall not
become effective sooner than 90 days after the date of their
adoption and promulgation.

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24 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

26 The purpose of this bill is to require the state Board of
28 Occupational Safety and Health to formulate and adopt rules and
30 reporting procedures which conform to federal occupational safety
32 and health standards. The modest changes required will yield
important improvements in health and safety protection for Maine
workers and qualify the Maine program to receive 50% federal
funding. The bill also makes some nonsubstantive technical
changes to the law.