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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 26, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and 1,600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

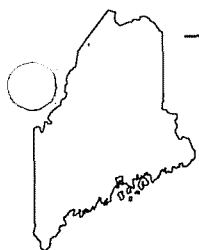
Presented by Senator KANY of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative MICHAUD of East Millinocket, Representative HEESCHEN of Wilton and Representative COLES of Harpswell.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act Prohibiting Chlorofluorocarbons in Automobile Air Conditioners.



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

38 MRSA §1606 is enacted to read:

§1606. Motor vehicle air conditioning

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Department" means the Department of Environmental Protection.

B. "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as defined in Title 29, section 1, subsection 7.

C. "CFC" means any of the chlorofluorocarbon chemicals CFC-11, CFC-12, CFC-112, CFC-113, CFC-114, CFC-115 and CFC-502.

2. Service. After January 1, 1992, a person may not perform service on motor vehicle air conditioners for compensation, unless that person uses equipment that is certified by the Underwriters' Laboratories or an institution determined by the department to be comparable, as meeting the society of automotive engineers standard applicable to equipment for the extraction and reclamation of refrigerant from motor vehicle air conditioners.

3. Phased schedule. The department, by rule, shall establish a phased schedule for the acquisition of that equipment by establishments that repair motor vehicles, requiring early acquisition by high volume establishments and subsequent acquisition by lower volume establishments, providing that all establishments that wish to continue to service motor vehicle air conditioning must have the equipment in use by January 1, 1992. The department, by rule, shall require these establishments to document motor vehicles repaired and CFC purchased.

4. CFC coolant. After October 1, 1991, a person may not sell any CFC coolant in a container containing less than 15 pounds of that coolant, unless it bears a warning label indicating the product's danger to ozone in the stratosphere. After January 1, 1992, a person may not sell or offer for sale:

A. CFC coolant, suitable for use in motor vehicle air conditioners, for noncommercial or nonindustrial use; or

B. CFC coolant, suitable for use in motor vehicle air conditioners, in containers containing less than 15 pounds of that coolant.

2 5. Registration. No motor vehicle with a model year of
3 1993 or later may be registered in the State or sold to a
4 consumer or dealer in the State, if it contains air conditioning
5 that uses CFC.

6 6. Report. The department, by January 15, 1993, shall
7 report to the Legislature with regard to the condition of the
8 stratospheric ozone layer and the latest information as to the
9 causes of that condition. The report also must address the
10 progress being made by manufacturers of motor vehicles that are
11 commonly sold or registered in this State in developing and
12 completing production of motor vehicles that have air
13 conditioning using refrigerants other than CFC. This report must
14 include any necessary implementing legislation.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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19 This bill prohibits the use of chlorofluorocarbons in
20 automobile air conditioning units in Maine.