

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 27

House of Representatives, December 10, 1990

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LARRIVEE of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act Regarding the Improper Installation of Chimneys and Fireplaces.



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

25 MRSA §2465, sub-§§1-A and 7 are enacted to read:

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

A. "Fireplace" includes a hearth or any other related masonry part attached to a fireplace.

7. Repair or reconstruction. In addition to a penalty authorized by subsection 6, a person who, for compensation, constructs or installs a chimney or fireplace in violation of the standards is liable for the cost of repair or reconstruction of the chimney or fireplace recoverable in a civil action.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill includes hearths and other related masonry parts in the definition of fireplace in the law concerning construction standards for chimneys and fireplaces. The bill also makes anyone who constructs or installs a chimney or fireplace in violation of the standards liable for the cost of repair or reconstruction.