

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WEBSTER of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative HEPBURN of Skowhegan, Representative HOGLUND of Portland and Senator SUMMERS of Cumberland.

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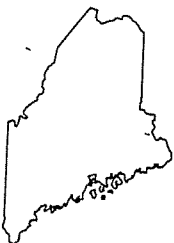
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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An Act to Prohibit the Burying of Low-level Radioactive Waste.

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1482, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 705, §5, is amended to read:

2. **Protection of public health and safety.** Any low-level radioactive waste disposal facility developed in the State shall employ the safest available technology. In order to cope with the humid climate, high water table, cold winters and other geological characteristics of the State, improved engineered disposal methods in addition to geological barriers shall must be used rather than any type of conventional shallow land burial.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1482, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Criminal penalty. A person who willfully and knowingly buries any low-level radioactive waste is guilty of a Class C crime.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill prohibits the burying of any low-level radioactive waste and makes a violation of this provision a Class C crime.