



# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991**

Legislative Document

No. 246

H.P. 161

House of Representatives, February 1, 1991

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARSH of West Gardiner. Cosponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland, Senator HOLLOWAY of Lincoln and Representative TREAT of Gardiner.

### STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Assuring Clean Waters in Maine.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1812-E is enacted to read:

#### <u>§1812-E. Water conservation devices</u>

All state agencies shall give preference to the maximum extent possible to the use of devices that minimize water use or consumption when purchasing devices that use or consume water. Water conservation devices include, but are not limited to, water conservation toilets, low-flow shower heads and aeration devices.

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#### Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3106 is enacted to read:

#### <u>§3106. Water conservation devices</u>

Municipalities shall give preference to the maximum extent possible to the use of devices that minimize water use or consumption when purchasing devices that use or consume water. Water conservation devices include, but are not limited to, water conservation toilets, low-flow shower heads and aeration devices.

By December 31, 1992, the Commissioner of Human Services24shall adopt rules establishing water consumption standards for<br/>water saving plumbing fixtures and appliances, based upon the26most efficient, cost-effective and practical methods reasonably<br/>available.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires state agencies and municipalities to use water conservation devices whenever possible.