

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 364

House of Representatives, February 11, 1991

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

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

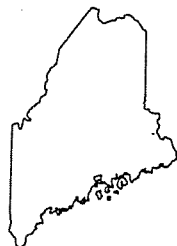
Presented by Representative RYDELL of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland, Representative HOLT of Bath and Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Encourage the Use of Water Conservation Devices.



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

4 Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA, c. 185, sub-c. III, Art. 2-A is enacted to read:

6 **Article 2-A**
WATER CONSERVATION DEVICES

8 **§4218. Water conservation devices allowed**

10 After July 1, 1992, a municipal ordinance adopted under this
12 chapter or rules adopted by the Bureau of Public Improvements
14 under Title 5, chapter 153 may not allow the installation of
16 toilets or urinals unless the toilet or urinal has been tested
18 under performance standards adopted by either the American
Society of Mechanical Engineers or the American National
Standards Institute and the toilet or urinal conforms to the
water consumption standards established in section 4219.

20 **§4219. Water conservation devices**

22 A water conservation device is:

24 1. Low-consumption toilets. A 2-piece gravity tank-type
water closet, or a flushometer water closet with a floor-mounted
outlet, that uses no more than 1.6 gallons per flush; or

26 2. Low-consumption urinals. A urinal that uses no more
28 than 1.0 gallon per flush.

30 **Sec. 2. Transition.** Prior to July 1, 1992, the commission
32 shall amend or revise the state plumbing code to conform to
34 sections 4218 and 4219.

36 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

38 This bill requires the installation of water saving toilets
40 and urinals in all buildings after July 1, 1992. Prior to that
42 date, the Commissioner of Human Resources is required to amend or
revise the state plumbing code to conform to the water saving
standards established in the bill.