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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HOLT of Bath.  
Cosponsored by Senator TITCOMB of Cumberland.

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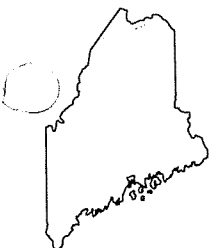
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Alter the Mandate of the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste  
Authority to Include Reduction of Low-level Radioactive Waste.**

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

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4       Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1502, first ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 480,  
§1, is further amended to read:

6       The United States Low-level Radioactive Waste Policy Act of  
8       1980, Public Law 96-573, requires that states assume  
10       responsibility for providing the capacity for volume reduction  
12       options to reduce low-level radioactive waste and the disposal of  
14       low-level radioactive waste generated within their borders. The  
16       State has expressed its intent to develop, if necessary, a site  
18       for the location of a low-level radioactive waste disposal or  
20       storage facility within the State. The State is continuing to  
22       try to negotiate a compact or agreement for low-level radioactive  
24       waste disposal out of the State. The United States Low-level  
26       Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985, Public Law  
28       99-240, establishes January 1, 1988, as the milestone date for  
30       states which that are not members of a compact to develop a  
32       siting plan for a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility.  
34       To accomplish that task, it is necessary for the State to provide  
36       for planning, siting, construction, operation and maintenance,  
38       site closure and long-term, post-closure control of a low-level  
40       radioactive waste disposal facility or facilities. In order to  
42       protect public health, safety and the environment, federal  
44       regulations require the effective isolation of low-level  
46       radioactive waste for 500 years following disposal site closure,  
observation and maintenance of the closed site and long-term  
institutional control of the site leading to termination of the  
operating license.

30       Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1530 is enacted to read:

32       §1530. Waste reduction plan

34       The authority shall develop and implement a plan to ensure  
36       the reduction of the curie content and the volume of low-level  
38       radioactive waste in the State in accordance with 42 United  
40       States Code, Section 2021g(a)(1).

42                                   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

44       This bill requires the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste  
46       Authority to establish a plan to reduce the curie content and the  
volume of low-level radioactive waste in this State.