

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1992

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Legislative Document

No. 2047

H.P. 1435

House of Representatives, January 7, 1992

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LORD of Waterboro.  
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Oxford.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Extend the Deadline for Closure of Municipal Landfills by 18 Months.**

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(EMERGENCY)



Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, municipalities are experiencing financial stress associated with closing and remediating existing landfills and in developing alternative solid waste disposal arrangements; and

Whereas, municipalities need additional time to plan for and implement landfill closure programs and to establish substitute solid waste disposal arrangements; and

Whereas, there are insufficient state resources available to reimburse municipalities for the costs of landfill closure and remediation; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

38 MRSA §1310-G, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Closure moratorium. After January 1, 1992 and before July 1, 1993, the commissioner may not enforce a time schedule established under this section.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes an 18-month moratorium on landfill closures required by the Board of Environmental Protection.