

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1460

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 Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LORD of Waterboro.

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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 Amend the Fire Permit Laws.

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

2                   Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §9324, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

4                   5-A. Inclement weather. Any permit issued pursuant to this  
6 article remains valid for more than one day if inclement weather  
prevents burning on the day the permit was valid.

8                   Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §9325, sub-§2, ¶¶B and C, as enacted by PL  
10 1991, c. 36, §4, are amended to read:

12                   B. Residential use of outdoor grills and fireplaces for  
14 recreational purposes such as preparing food; and

16                   C. Use of outdoor grills and fireplaces for recreational  
18 purposes such as preparing food at commercial campgrounds in  
20 organized towns as long as the commercial campgrounds are  
licensed by the health engineering division of the  
Department of Human Services; and

22                   Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §9325, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted to read:

24                   D. Fires, when the ground is covered by snow, in  
conjunction with holiday and festive celebrations,  
residential open burning of leaves, brush, deadwood and tree  
cuttings accrued from normal property maintenance by the  
individual landowner or lessee of the land, burning on site  
for the disposal of materials generated from the clearing of  
any land or by the erection, modification, maintenance,  
demolition or construction of any highway, railroad, power  
line, communication line, pipeline, building or development,  
burning for agricultural purposes including, but not limited  
to, open burning of blueberry fields, potato tops and  
hayfields and prescribed burning for timberland management  
and the burning of brush and demolition debris at municipal  
solid waste disposal facilities.

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40                   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

42                   This bill allows a fire permit to remain valid for more than  
44 one day in cases of inclement weather and allows certain fires  
without a permit on snow-covered ground.