

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 151

In Senate, February 11, 1993

**An Act to Ensure Uniformity in Gasoline Octane Levels.**

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Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MARDEN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representatives: KNEELAND of Easton, MICHAUD of East Millinocket.

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

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Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §2402, sub-§17, as amended by PL 1991, c. 712, §1 and affected by §5, is further amended to read:

17. Standards to enforcement. Prescribe the standards of weight and measure, additional equipment and methods of test and inspection to be employed in the enforcement of this chapter. The state sealer may prescribe or provide, or both, the official test and inspection forms used in the enforcement of this chapter; and

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §2402, sub-§18, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 712, §2 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

18. Registration of commercial motor fuel dispensers. Accept applications for the registration of motor fuel dispensers in accordance with section 2412- ; and

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §2402, sub-§19 is enacted to read:

19. Octane measure. Conduct tests of gasoline offered for sale for consistency with the stated octane level.

Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1993-94	1994-95
<b>AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Public Service - Agriculture</b>		
Positions	(3.0)	(3.0)
Personal Services	\$85,000	\$85,000
All Other	75,000	75,000
Capital Expenditures	45,000	10,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$205,000</b>	<b>\$165,000</b>

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

Samples recently taken of gasoline revealed an unacceptably high number of overstated octane levels. This incorrect representation of octane levels ultimately costs Maine consumers millions of dollars. A very small portion of current gasoline

2 tax revenues would support a program of increased surveillance of  
octane levels and would also provide for the addition of vapor  
4 recovery testing equipment for checking the accuracy of motor  
fuel dispensing equipment.