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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 475

House of Representatives, February 28, 1995

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**An Act to Reduce Paperwork and Promote On-site Elementary  
Neutralization of Low-hazard Wastes.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.  
Cosponsored by Senator LORD of York and  
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, DAMREN of Belgrade, GOULD of Greenville,  
GREENLAW of Standish, MARSHALL of Eliot, MERES of Norridgewock, POULIN of  
Oakland, ROSEBUSH of East Millinocket, SIMONEAU of Thomaston, TAYLOR of  
Cumberland, Senators: KIEFFER of Aroostook, RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1317, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 730,  
5 §2, is amended to read:

6 **1. Discharge.** "Discharge" includes, but is not limited to,  
7 any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, disposing,  
8 emptying or dumping onto the land or into the water or ambient  
9 air. The term "discharge" does not include discharge of  
10 substances that are corrosive into a contained area, including a  
11 pipe or sewer, if the substances will be treated on the site of  
12 generation in an elementary neutralization unit as defined under  
13 rules adopted pursuant to section 1319-O, subsection 4.

14 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1319-O, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

15 **4. Elementary neutralization.** The board shall adopt rules  
16 to define and regulate elementary neutralization units at the  
17 site of waste generation in the same manner as rules applicable  
18 to those units adopted under the federal Resource Conservation  
19 Recovery Act, 42 United States Code, Section 6901, et seq., as  
20 amended.

21 **Sec. 3. Rulemaking.** The Board of Environmental Protection  
22 shall adopt rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title  
23 38, section 1319-O, subsection 4, no later than 90 days after the  
24 effective date of this Act.

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29 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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31 **32** This bill allows treatment of corrosive liquids that are  
32 generated on-site in tanks, containers and other devices without  
33 the requirements imposed on hazardous waste. These materials are  
34 defined as hazardous waste only because they are corrosive. This  
35 bill replaces recently adopted requirements with an exemption for  
36 corrosive substances identical to that found in current federal  
37 regulations.  
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