

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 607

House of Representatives, March 14, 1995

**An Act to Establish a System of Recycling Credits for Processed Wood Products.**

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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 RICE of South Bristol.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: HEINO of Boothbay, JOYNER of Hollis, LAYTON of Cherryfield, LINDAHL of Northport, LOOK of Jonesboro, MARSHALL of Eliot, MAYO of Bath, SAVAGE of Union, SPEAR of Nobleboro, STEDMAN of Hartland, TUFTS of Stockton Springs.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §2132, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 482,  
§3, is amended to read:

6 **3. Beneficial use of waste.** The use of waste paper or  
corrugated cardboard as a fuel in industrial boilers for the  
8 generation of heat, steam or electricity or the use of processed  
wood products for mulch or as a fuel in industrial boilers for  
10 the generation of heat, steam or electricity constitutes  
recycling for the sole purpose of determining whether the goals  
12 in subsection 1 are met and if the wastes would otherwise be  
placed in a landfill, if the office determines that there is no  
14 reasonably available market in the State for recycling that waste  
and if the wastes are incinerated as a substitute for, or  
16 supplement to, fossil or biomass fuels that constitute the  
primary fuels incinerated in the industrial boiler.

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20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This bill allows the use of processed wood products as mulch  
or as fuel for meeting recycling goals established by law.