

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 828

House of Representatives, April 4, 1995

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**An Act to Create a Tire Emergency Readiness Fund.**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SPEAR of Nobleboro.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, HEINO of Boothbay,  
MARSHALL of Eliot, RICE of South Bristol, STROUT of Corinth, Senators: BEGLEY of  
Lincoln, CAREY of Kennebec, FERGUSON of Oxford, LORD of York.

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2466 is enacted to read:

**§2466. Tire Emergency Readiness Fund**

**1. Fund established.** The Tire Emergency Readiness Fund is established to receive revenues as provided in Title 36, section 4833.

**2. Use of the fund.** The fund must be used to reimburse a municipality for the approved costs incurred in fighting fires at a tire disposal site in that municipality.

**3. Approval of costs.** A municipality seeking reimbursement under this section shall submit to the Commissioner of Public Safety an itemized list of costs of fighting fires at tire disposal sites in the municipality. The commissioner shall determine which costs are reasonably attributable to fighting fires at tire disposal sites and approve the reimbursement of those costs from the fund. If the money in the fund is not sufficient to reimburse all approved costs, the commissioner shall prorate the reimbursement. Municipal costs may be approved under this section for public or private tire disposal sites.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §4833, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 927, §5, is further amended to read:

The revenue derived from the fee imposed by this chapter must be deposited in the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund established under Title 38, chapter 24, which must reimburse the General Fund for its proportionate share of the administrative costs of the fee as certified by the Bureau of Taxation, except that 20% of the revenue collected from the fee imposed by this chapter on the sale of tires must be deposited in the Tire Emergency Readiness Fund established by Title 25, section 2466, which must reimburse the General Fund for its proportionate share of the administrative costs of the fee as certified by the Bureau of Taxation.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill provides that 20% of the recycling assistance fee collected on tires must be paid to the Tire Emergency Readiness Fund to be used by the Commissioner of Public Safety to reimburse municipalities for the approved cost of fighting fires at tire disposal sites.