

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1995

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Legislative Document

No. 1260

S.P. 464

In Senate, April 11, 1995

**An Act to Repeal the Automobile Emissions Testing Law, to Repeal the Requirement to Use Reformulated Gasoline and to Withdraw Maine from the Ozone Transport Region.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HATHAWAY of York.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, CARPENTER of York, CASSIDY of Washington, HANLEY of Oxford, PENDEXTER of Cumberland, SMALL of Sagadahoc, STEVENS of Androscoggin, Representatives: AIKMAN of Poland, AULT of Wayne, JOYCE of Biddeford.

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

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**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §403**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 6, §1, is repealed.

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**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA c. 28**, as amended, is repealed.

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**Sec. 3. Exemption from reformulated gasoline sales.** The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall petition the United States Environmental Protection Agency to remove all counties in the State from the list of counties that must use reformulated gasoline. The Department of Environmental Protection shall study the economic effects of requiring reformulated gasoline in those counties and the effect on vehicles and machinery using reformulated gasoline and report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by September 1, 1995.

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**Sec. 4. Petition for removal from Ozone Transport Region.** The Department of Environmental Protection shall provide to the Governor a petition that requests the removal of the State from the Ozone Transport Region established pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, 42 United States Code, Section 7511c. The petition must include all available data and the department shall develop other data as necessary to demonstrate that emissions from sources in the State do not significantly contribute to nonattainment of the federal ambient air quality standard for ozone anywhere in the Ozone Transport Region. The Governor shall submit the petition to the United States Environmental Protection Agency within 2 weeks of receiving the petition from the department.

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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This bill repeals the Motor Vehicle Emissions Testing Program, requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to petition the United States Environmental Protection Agency to remove Maine counties from the federal regulation requiring certain areas of the country to sell reformulated gasoline and requires the Department of Environmental Protection to prepare a petition for the Governor's signature sufficient to satisfy the United States Environmental Protection Agency's requirements to remove the State from the Ozone Transport Region created in the federal Clean Air Act, 42 United States Code, Section 7511c.

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