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S.P. 528

In Senate, May 2, 1995

**An Act to Limit the Liability of Property Owners in Cases of
Nonnegligent Lead Poisoning.**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary 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 BERUBE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative: DAGGETT of Augusta.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1324-A, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1991, c.
810, §32, is further amended to read:

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8 The owner of any dwelling, premises, children's home or
preschool facility is liable for all damages caused by failure to
perform the duties required under this chapter. The liability of
a landlord is limited to \$250,000 for all damages, whether
actual, punitive or compensatory, and legal costs unless the
landlord had written notice of conditions likely to cause lead
poisoning and refused to take corrective action.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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18 This bill limits the liability of landlords for lead
poisoning to \$250,000 unless the landlord has actual notice of
conditions likely to cause lead poisoning and refused to take
20 corrective action.